"Those who are lovers of wisdom must be inquirers into many things indeed."
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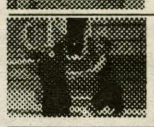

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Commons serves up healthy dose of Band-Aid au gratin

by Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS WRITER

The collection of Bon Appetit horror stories grew by one more last Wednesday evening. As Justin Tyler '01 sat down to a plate of potatoes au gratin for dinner at Commons, he never expected what would happen next.

"I took the first bite, and I was like, there's something funny in my mouth," Tyler recounts.

Next, Tyler discovered the culprit - a dirty Band-Aid in the potatoes. After finding the Band-Aid, Tyler approached the Bon Appetit employees on duty at Commons. After hearing his story, one worker asked him, "would you like another plate?"

According to Annmarie Rossomano, general manager of Bon Appetit, her staff followed procedure and reacted professionally to the situation. Rossomano said that the manager of Commons immediately pulled the potato dish from the line, and asked Justin if there was anything else he could get him.

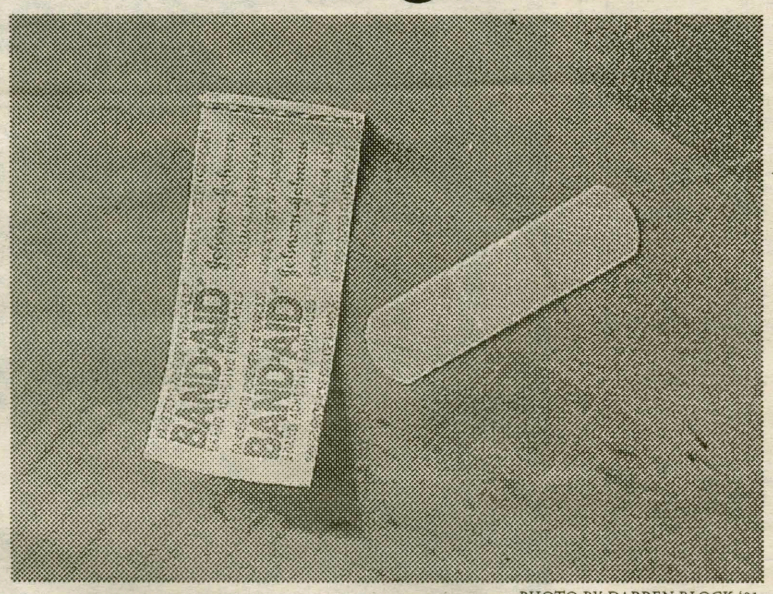

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

An innocent Band-Aid was the source of much chaos in Commons Wednesday. (Actual Band-Aid not shown.)

Next, the manager went to the food preparation area and talked to everyone who prepared the food that evening. He also conducted a thorough inspection of all employees, and found that everyone was properly gloved, and no one had any signs of injury that would warrant a Band-Aid.

Rossomano also mentioned that there was a surprise health inspection yesterday. The inspector noted that all employees, in every unit under Bon Appetit's control, were wearing gloves. Further, the inspector approved thermometers and temperature readings and concluded that Bon Appetit was in accordance with all regulations.

"We believe we were acting properly - how that happened, we do not know," Rossomano said of the Band-Aid incident.

Tyler has contacted the State Health Department and intends to pursue this matter further.

Panel tackles welfare

by Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS EDITOR

Three Hamilton College employees are endeavoring to break age and economic barriers and bring diversity and a new challenge to the community.

The Access project, an initiative that will bring 20 area women currently receiving welfare to learn at Hamilton, begins this weekend with a series of panel discussions that will take place in Bristol Campus Center's Dwight Lounge all day Friday and Saturday.

Project coordinators are Vivyan Adair, assistant professor of women's studies; Erol Balkan, associate professor of economics; and Sharon Gormley, staff assistant in the office of the dean of the faculty. This weekend's conference, which features Hamilton and guest professors, area social service employees, and local politicians, is a kickoff to the actual access program, Gormley said.

"We are hoping that the conference will bring about an awareness on issues like adult education and the welfare system," she said. "It brings together all of the people that are necessary to make a project like this work."

Panel discussion topics include "Poverty and Social Services," "Accessing the World through Education," "Poverty and Education," and "Poverty and Economics."

The Access program will bring 20 mothers who receive welfare and who live in Oneida and Herkimer Counties to campus next fall so that they may experience a year's education in a liberal arts setting. They will not be integrated into the student body, Gormley said, because of the special needs they may have. Some may not have been in a classroom in years, and others may not have received a high school diploma. The program will offer the women services current Hamilton students receive, such as meals, transportation and childcare. The yearlong experiment will give the women an introductory, remedial taste of the college experience, and at the end of the year they will have credit for eight courses. They may apply these credits towards a Hamilton degree or at other area colleges. Gormley, Adair, and Balkan are working with area colleges, whose professors will teach for the program and to which the Access students may transfer.

Since the project is an experiment, organizers don't know what the retention rate will be. Different colleges and universities across the country have some sort of a welfare-to-work through education program, but Gormley feels that Hamilton's program will be unique because students will incur no debt during the first year, which may be an incentive to continue their education. The women will be provided with all educational and support services.

Organizers will spend the rest of

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DKE returns after two-year suspension

by Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS WRITER

After two years of suspension, Hamilton College's chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity will again receive recognition by the college.

In September 1997 the Office of the Dean of Students investigated the fraternity; this investigation uncovered a "series of infractions of college policy, including: encouraging and condoning conduct that is lewd or indecent; using, possessing, or distributing alcoholic beverages in a manner inconsistent with College Alcohol Policy; and violating the 'Private Society Relationship Statement'."

After DKE representatives met with acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson last Friday morning and acting President Thomas Schwarz gave his approval, Hamilton officially reinstated the fraternity. An important point that came up during the meeting was that the administration would like to help the members develop the fraternity and its image on campus. The fraternity brothers must comply with the terms of the deal and make philanthropy and community service the primary focus of their society. Director of Student Activities Beverly Low has suggested that the fraternity become involved with the sexual grievance board. Also, the revitalization of ISC, Inter Society Council, would greatly benefit from this fraternity's suggestions and ideas. Every society on campus values and prides itself on becoming active members of the community, according to ISC members. DKE members are excited about their return on campus.

Two years have passed, and Delta Kappa Epsilon is ready to become an active force on the Hamilton campus. In order to reestablish their identity within the community the members must "rebuild" their ties with alumni and national organization leaders.

The suspension of the DKE fraternity has left many wondering what Hamilton College's attitude toward the Greek system will be in the next couple of years. Glad to see the return of the fraternity, Nancy Thompson feels that "as long as private societies make positive contributions and abide by regulations, they should have no fear" of their presence fading out. Still dealing with the effects of the infamous Res Life Decision, DKE fraternity members have resolved to maintain low profiles in order to keep their good standing with the faculty and administration.

Though many students seem to forget that the Greek presence on campus will not exempt them from the legal drinking age, the administrators must fulfill their responsibility by enforcing the law.

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SPECTACLES

A day in the glen

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Users of this bench are now protected from falling or enjoying the view by the new fence.

Phi Beta Kappa

In recognition of their high academic achievement in fulfilling the goals and purposes of the College, the Hamilton College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has elected the following members of the Class of 2000 to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

John Richard Dieterich

John Gerard Doench

Anne Elizabeth Egger

John Edward Farranto

Cemile Gokce Guldal

Scott Joseph Hiley

Samuel Herbert Jackson

Jennifer Sara Jefferson

Laura Louise Mans

Ewa Szychowska

Additional elections for the class of 2000 will be held during the spring semester.

Access Conference events

Friday, Oct. 15

8:30-9:00 Coffee
9:00-9:30 Welcoming Remarks: Brian Wing, NYS Commisioner for the Office of Disability & Temporary Service
10:00-12:00 POVERTY AND SOCIAL SERVICES, panel discussion
2:00-4:00 ACCESSING THE WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION, panel discussion

Saturday, Oct. 16

9:00-930 Coffee
9:30-11:00 POVERTY AND EDUCATION, panel discussion
11:15-1:00 Workshop facilitated by former and present welfare recipients
2:00-4:00 POVERTY AND ECONOMICS, panel discussion
4:00-5:00 Closing remarks and Access Project information.

All events are free, open to the public, and will take place in the Dwight Lounge of the Bristol Campus Center.

DKE to focus on having a positive campus influence

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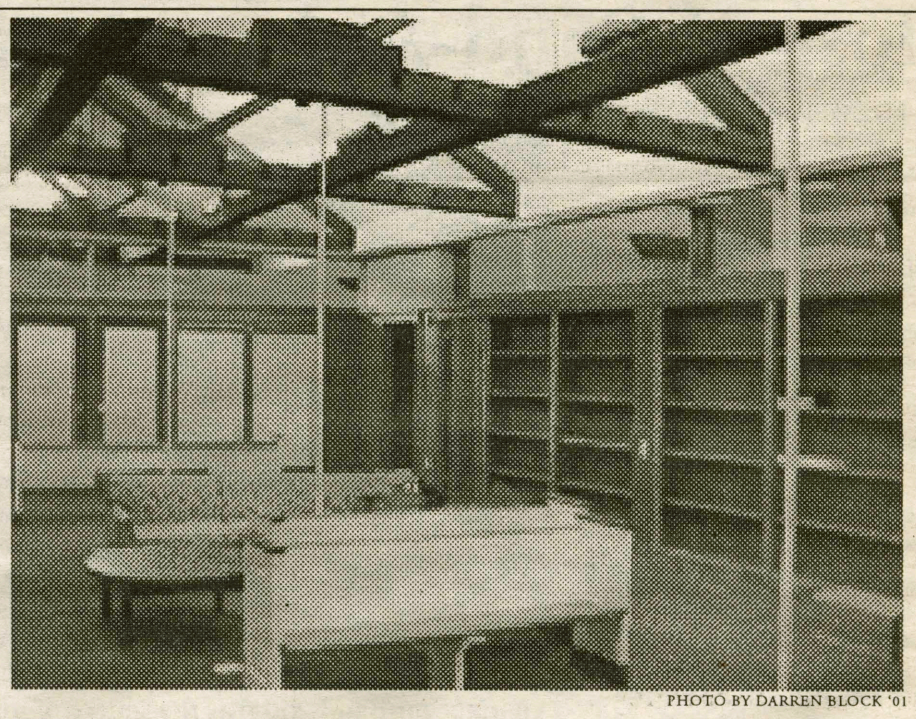
Therefore, Hamilton College has the responsibility to obtain and adhere to these regulations about social conduct within the confines of its community. Hamilton outlines its expectations of appropriate behavior in the college handbook and expects full compliance with these standards of conduct, even by fraternities and other organizations.

Realizing that everyone is capable of "making errors in judgement," Thompson is happy to welcome DKE back to campus. The school is counting on the fraternity to be a positive and influential part of the Hamilton community.



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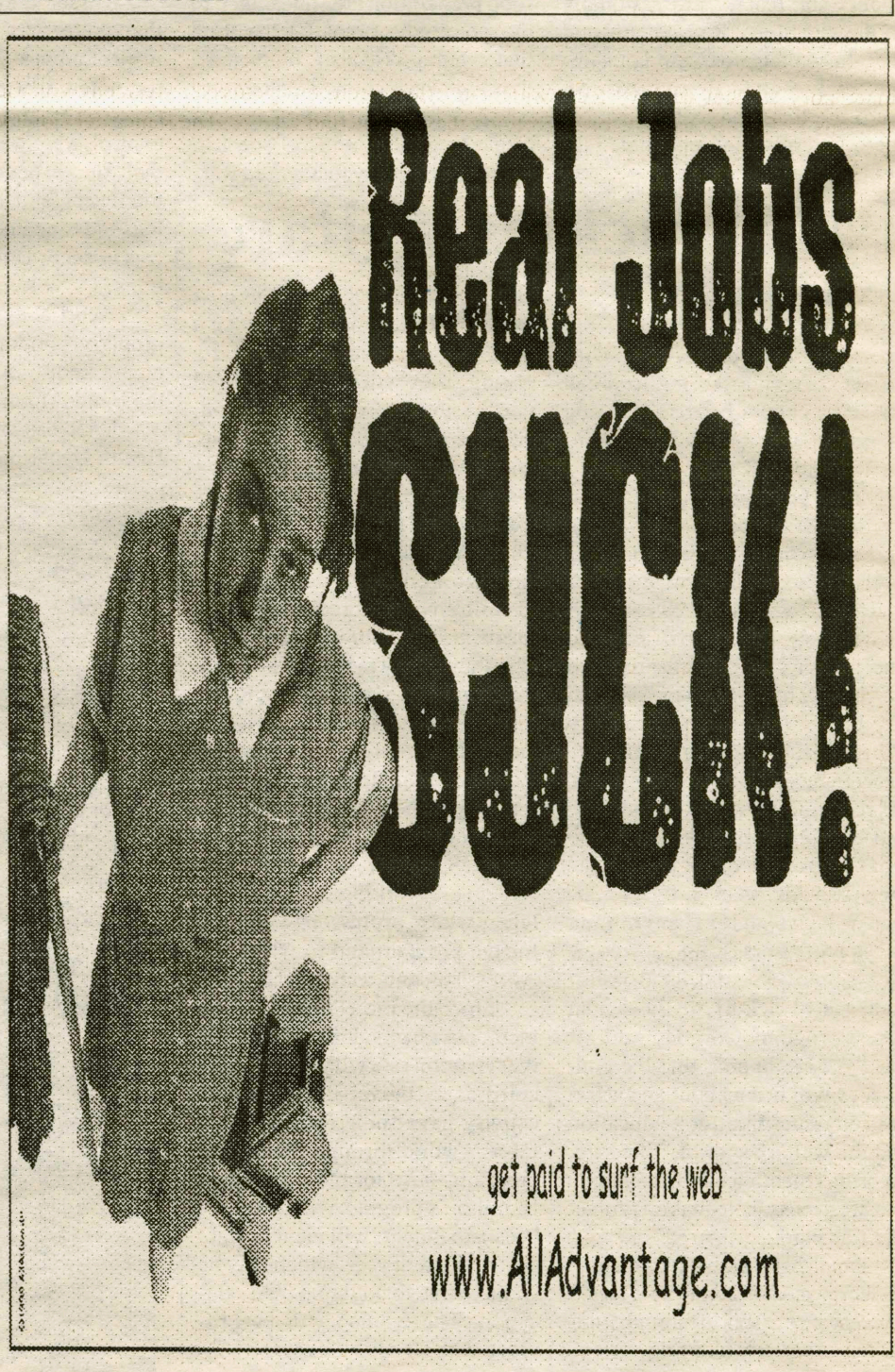

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Cristen Sargent '01

Friends and family of Matthew Shepard take up the charge

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — One year later, the people who knew Matthew Shepard are turning the gay University of Wyoming student's death into a stepping stone in the battle for gay rights.

Shepard became a symbol for the gay rights crusade after he was attacked in Laramie, Wyo., on Oct. 7, 1998. He was allegedly lured out of a bar, driven to a remote prairie, pistol whipped as he was tied to a fence and left for dead in cold weather. He never regained consciousness and died five days later. His sexual orientation is considered by many to be the motive for the attack.

The hate crime last year sparked candlelight vigils at college campuses across the country and heightened concerns that these incidents could happen anywhere.

"No matter where you are, you like to think that this kind of thing couldn't happen in your town," said Jim Osborne, who was chairman of the University of Wyoming's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance at the time of Shepard's death and now serves as its adviser. "It's not easy to be gay anywhere."

This week is National Coming Out Week and is being recognized on many college campuses, including Shepard's school. Osborne said this week has new meaning for people who knew the 21-year-old Shepard.

High court takes up race, speech issues that could affect colleges

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Buried in the thick stack of legal documents in the Supreme Court docket this term are two cases from Hawaii and Wisconsin that could boldly impact college students nationwide.

The high court, which began its 1999-2000 term last week, will consider in November whether state universities' mandatory student activity fees, which in effect require students to finance campus organizations they might find objectionable, violate their First Amendment rights.

In the case, Rice v. Cateyano, the Court will decide if Hawaii's election laws violate the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution.

The case involves the exclusive right of native Hawaiians to vote for trustees of the state's Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Each year, the agency, acting on behalf of American conquerors more than two centuries ago, gives out millions of dollars to native Hawaiians, who are the descendants of the conquered.

The state has argued that an agreement between natives and settlers in the 18th Century is analogous to the unique relationship between the Federal government and Native American tribes, which are treated as partially sovereign.

Attorneys for Rice argue, on the other hand, that the 15th Amendment unequivocally prohibits discrimination on the basis of race in elections and the 14th Amendment guarantees citizens of different races equal protection of the laws.

"This is a very clear cut violation of the 15th Amendment," said Douglas Cox, a Washington, DC, attorney who represents Rice. He said the case will likely be decided narrowly, as a voting rights violation rather than as an equal protection issue.

U. Colorado president resigns amid hiring controversy

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — University of Colorado President John Buechner offered to resign Wednesday following months of controversy surrounding his administration and his hiring of a personal friend, Fran Raudenbush, as his executive consultant.

Buechner announced his offer of resignation a day before the Board of Regents was expected to quiz him about the controversy, which arose as a result of a Colorado Daily investigation begun last May.

Buechner made no mention of the controversy in his letter of resignation, which was addressed to Peter Steinhauer, the chairman of the regents.

He did, however, refer to a perceived lack of support from some regents. A few regents had recently called for a discussion of the Raudenbush matter.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

World population hits 6 billion

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - A population clock at U.N. headquarters hit 6 billion Tuesday and started racing toward 7 billion as an anxious world pondered what the new millennium holds for an increasingly crowded planet.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan welcomed the symbolic Baby 6 Billion in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina - a boy born to refugee parents in a region returning to life after a decade of war.

Adnan Nevic's birth "should light a path of tolerance and understanding for all people," Annan said.

But the tens of thousands of children born on the Day of 6 Billion are far more likely to face lives of poverty and illiteracy in developing countries. UNICEF head Carol Bellamy noted that 1 in 3 children in the world's poorest countries won't live beyond age 5.

The challenge facing the world, Annan said, is to find "the will" to feed, clothe and house every inhabitant of Earth.

In Washington, meanwhile, President Clinton said the world's nations must work harder to erase the grinding poverty in which many of their people spend their lives.

"We must refuse to accept a future in which one part of humanity lives on the cutting edge of a new economy, while another part lives on the edge of survival," he said.

U.N. demographers had determined that the population would hit 6 billion on Tuesday, a doubling of the Earth's inhabitants in less than 40 years.

Swiss Link Yeltsin to Corruption

LUGANO, Switzerland (AP) - A Swiss bank said Thursday it guaranteed credit cards for Boris Yeltsin and his daughters on instructions from a company that has been implicated in a probe of alleged Kremlin bribery.

It was the first official confirmation linking the Russian president with the corruption investigation.

The Banca del Gottardo said it provided the guarantees on orders from Mabetex, a Lugano-based construction company implicated in the probe, said Marco Streun of the bank's legal department.

Streun said he didn't know whether any credit cards were ever issued to Yeltsin and his daughters, Tatyana Dyachenko and Yelena Okulova, during the two months the guarantee was in effect.

He said guarantees are usually sought so that cards can be provided to foreigners who lack a Swiss bank account or a Swiss-based employer who can verify income information.

The guarantee, which would come into effect if any credit card purchases went unpaid, was never invoked, Streun told The Associated Press.

He stressed that the Banca del Gottardo itself did not issue any credit cards for Yeltsin or his family.

The Kremlin has said that Yeltsin and his family have not broken any laws, and Mabetex chief executive Behgjet Pacolli has denied paying any bribes to Russian officials. include allegations that the three used credit cards provided by Mabetex, with the company paying the bills.

Ex-Tanzanian President Nyerere Dies

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) - Julius Nyerere, Tanzania's first president and a universally revered elder statesman who was instrumental in efforts to forge African unity, died Thursday. He was 77.

Nyerere died in a London hospital of complications stemming from leukemia, which was diagnosed in 1998. His doctors said earlier that he had suffered a massive stroke and would not recover.

Kenya, Uganda and South Africa ordered their flags flown at half-staff in his honor, while Nelson Mandela praised the man he said had striven for liberation of Africa as "part of a single struggle for a better world."

After 23 years in office, Nyerere stepped down in 1985. But he remained a potent force in Tanzanian and regional politics.

At the United Nations, Namibia's Foreign Minister Theo-Ben Gurirab, currently president at the General Assembly, announced Nyerere's death to the hushed chamber.

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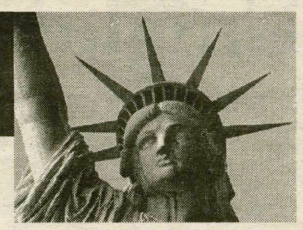

Compiled By Cristen Sargent '01

Bill clears way for Hamilton House

ALBANY, N.Y. - A measure that clears the way for preservation of Alexander Hamilton's historic home in Manhattan was signed into law last Friday.

The law signed by Gov. George Pataki allows New York City to grant easements over a portion of St. Nicholas Park to the National Park Service for use as a site for the Hamilton Grange National Memorial.

Hamilton, a founding father, was living in the house when he was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr in 1804.

The house was moved in 1879 to make way for 143rd St. The National Park Service wants to move the house from its current site to St. Nicholas Park so it can be restored to its original appearance.

Accused seek dismissal of Denny's discrimination lawsuit

AUBURN, N.Y. - Saying that they have no authority over the employees in the restaurants that bear their company name, lawyers for Denny's Inc. say the chain shouldn't be held responsible for any discrimination.

Denny's Inc. asked U.S. District Judge Frederick Scullin Jr. to drop the South Carolina-based company from the civil rights lawsuit brought by the group of black and Asian men and women. Denny's lawyers argued the alleged discrimination in seating and racially motivated assault by customers happened at a franchise owned by an independent company.

Seven Asian-Americans and two blacks filed a lawsuit in Aug. 1997 claiming they were racially discriminated against at a Denny's restaurant in Syracuse on April 11, 1997. The students said they were denied service while other customers were seated ahead of them and then assaulted in the restaurant's parking lot by a group of white patrons as two security guards watched.

"We were not responsible for their employees. We had no control over their actions," Denny's attorney Michael R. Wolford said last Friday.

Local prosecutors investigated the case but refused to file criminal charges. Instead, District Attorney William Fitzpatrick accused the students of being drunk, disorderly and "orchestrating" their claim, knowing full well Denny's legal history regarding discrimination.

In 1994, Denny's settled a $ 46 million class-action lawsuit brought by black Secret Service agents and California students who claimed discrimination in separate incidents. As part of the settlement, Denny's operates under the watch of a federal civil rights monitor from the justice department. However, its problems have continued with recent incidents arising in Maryland, Florida and West Virginia.

The Denny's was operated by NDI Foods Inc., a Syracuse-based company that has since entered bankruptcy proceedings and turned its seven upstate New York Denny's franchises back over to Denny's parent company.

Clinton denounces test ban veto

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton accused Senate Republicans of recklessness and irresponsibility Thursday for defeating the nuclear test ban treaty and warned, "You'll see a lot of testing" by Russia, China, India and Pakistan if the United States abandons the landmark agreement.

Clinton pledged the United States would refrain from testing - as it has since 1992 - despite the treaty's rejection. "It still binds us" unless the president says otherwise, Clinton said.

With Texas Gov. George W. Bush and other Republican presidential hopefuls opposed to the treaty, Clinton acknowledged that a future president might disavow the ban. "Then all bets are off," Clinton said. "You'll see a lot of testing and they'll bail" on the nuclear nonproliferation treaty, another major arms accord.

The president's words reflected deep White House bitterness over the treaty vote and the undiminished animosity between Clinton and congressional Republicans after the impeachment battle and fights over gun control, tax cuts and other issues.

Clinton, at a news conference a day after the test ban treaty failed on a 51-48 Senate vote, said Republicans have fallen into "a new isolationism" and had voted on the basis of partisan politics.

Uniglobe Travel Agency Flies Away

By James P. Du Vernay
NES WRITER

Reflecting on the changing nature of the travel industry, Uniglobe Gateway To Travel Agency unexpectedly departed last Friday from its small office in the basement of the Bristol Campus Center.

All of its services will revert to the main office in North Utica as a result of this permanent vacation from campus.

In a notice sent to Bettina S. Espe, director of auxiliary and contract services, two weeks prior to the Oct. 8 closing, Uniglobe President Raymond Durso explained that the on-campus location, with its limited clientele base, "was no longer profitable" and that it would cost "too much to remain."

The agency feels that operating solely out of the Utica office will prove more profitable for the company.

Uniglobe's departure signals the conclusion of nearly a decade in which the college had a relationship with an on-campus travel agency, beginning with Triple A Travel of Utica in 1991 for five years and continuing with Clinton Travel for two years. Uniglobe moved into the Bristol office over a year ago.

The arrangement involved a two-fold role for the agency. Primarily, the agency satisfied the business travel needs of the college's administration and faculty. Secondly, it had to understand and meet the recreational travel demands of the college community as a whole.

Representatives from the college and from Uniglobe characterized the relationship over the past year as good overall, although both sides expressed some hesitations.

During the past ten years, enormous changes have occurred in the travel market, which have lessened the profit margins achievable by small travel agents.

With the proliferation of online travel arrangements, airlines increasingly deal directly with consumers rather than through the auspices of independent travel agencies.

"The travel world is no longer a person-to-person business." Espe said.

Durso agreed, noting that "95% of our business is conducted over the telephone."

Airlines have also hurt independent travel agents by placing tight restrictions on commissions from ticket sales. Coincidentally, last Friday United Airlines announced 5% to 8% cuts on commissions on all fares ticketed in the United States (including its possessions) and Canada for foreign and domestic travel. The airline also instituted a maximum commission on roundtrip tickets of $50.00 for domestic flights and $100.00 for international flights, regardless of the ticket value. The Society for Collegiate Travel Management, an organization for academic travel managers, predicts that "all other carriers will quickly follow suit."

Hamilton students should experience little inconvenience as a result of Uniglobe's move. The agency fully intends to honor any previous arrangements and will provide messenger service twice daily for the delivery of tickets.

Uniglobe President Ray Durso characterized the move not as "a departure from campus, but a transfer to the Utica office," and vowed to provide even better service in the future.

"We only had one travel representative on campus. In Utica, we have four full-timers and two part-timers."

Hamilton, meanwhile, seems headed in a different direction as it explores new travel arrangement possibilities. Espe reports that negotiations have already begun in earnest with an off-site agency, and a contracting decision may result as early as next week. This new agency offers an online "Reservation Assist" program that filters through the multitude of travel options and selects those most appropriate for the client based on preselected criteria.

A direct link from the Hamilton website will instantly connect users to information on the lowest available rates. While still satisfying the college's business demands, an electronic-based travel program such as this offers the potential for increased recreational travel by students by providing greater accessibility to discounted fares.

Students can take advantage of special offers, including closeout and final sales, and consolidator tickets that often constitute amazing price packages.

Espe said that these deals tend to involve smaller, lesser-known airlines, and carry a higher risk of cancellation, but the payoff comes from the fantastic prices possible to attain.

The "ResAssist" program can incorporate established tour prices into its findings as well.

Espe also plans on investigating the possibility of obtaining a ticket printer on-campus from the new agency, which would give the college community the benefits of the new service combined with the convenience of having tickets available directly. She hopes to obtain this by the end of the semester.

Panel to focus on welfare, economics and education

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this academic year writing grant proposals for private funding, and commitments from the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, the Kirkland Project, and the Freauoff Foundation are already secure.

The Access program poses a challenge to the Hamilton community, Gormley feels, because while the community has both admitted and begun to tackle the lack of racial and ethnic diversity here, it has rarely addressed barriers of economic and age difference. Community members will have the opportunity to reevaluate their conception of 'the typical Hamilton student' and, more importantly, to help. The school will invite students to be tutors and mentors and faculty to instruct.

A graduate of Hamilton through the Horizons program, Gormley was asked on board by the two professors to help coordinate the project because of her experience with and interest in adult education, an opportunity she is ecstatic to have. All three are interested in adult education, and the way issues of welfare and education relate to the economy, specifically here in the Mohawk Valley.

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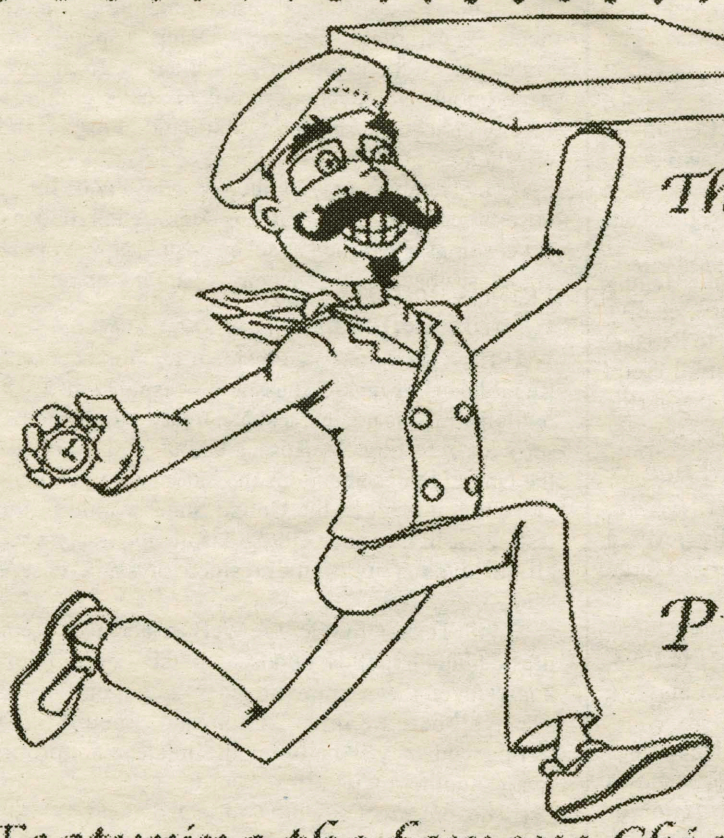
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A Review of Three Kings

Andrew McKay '00
James Breitinger '00
Editors-At-Large

The Gulf War has now joined other U.S. military conflicts of the past...it has become a movie. No country in the world enjoys watching its military exploits of yesteryear on the big screen more than the land that spawned G.I. Jane. We were far from certain that any movie could present an engaging, emotional, dramatic comedy about the Gulf War. Our doubts were compounded by the fact that this well-reviewed (even the über-staid Wall Street Journal gave it four stars) movie starred Mark Wahlberg, Ice Cube and George Clooney. But after escaping the mall neither of us could cease firing bullets of praise for David O. Russell, writer and director of Three Kings.

The film begins in a U.S. military encampment, where ecstatic soldiers celebrate the recently announced cease-fire of April 1991. In a sausage party lead by Mark Wahlberg, of Boogie Nights fame, a crew of American boys lets loose to the bygone boasts of Flava Flav, contraband whiskey not withstanding.

When the "assmap" is found on a captured Iraqi soldier, Sargeant Troy Barlow (Wahlberg), "Chief" (Cube) and Private Conrad Vig (Spike Jonze) try to decipher it like a bunch of wartime 'Goonies.' Major Archie Gates (Clooney), a grisled "Special Ops" veteran near retirement, gets a whiff of the scented map and tracks down the amateur cartographers. Clooney, with all of his emergency room confidence, deduces the likely location of millions in Kuwaiti gold bullion.* "What's the most important thing in life?," Major Gates asks the three eager beavers. Clooney wastes no time schooling the spring chickens when he asserts that life is governed neither by love nor respect, but by "necessity." The three gumshoes quickly realize that the lackluster civilian lives awaiting them would be redefined by an injection of Kuwaiti gold.

What begins as a journey fuelled by self-serving motives becomes a modern parable which reflects many aspects of post-industrial humanity, or lack thereof. Saddam's eerily cooperative forces give the small band of American bullion-bandits the chance to make off with their fortune-so long as they do not interfere with the persecution of captured Iraqi rebels. Clooney and company are soon inexorably drawn into the plight of this group of rebels. With gold-laden trucks gassed up and ready to go, the Americans witness the execution of a woman begging them to stay and protect the marginalized and powerless rebels and their families. Wahlberg wants to bounce with the gold and not get involved, but Clooney can't allow the slaughter of the freedom-fighters. The drama ensues and is complete with a slow-motion ballistic showdown in what we think is one of the most breakthrough sequences ever 'shot'. Not only was the camerawork textured and torrid, but we believe Three Kings will be remembered as a movie that records the loss of humanity and perversion of meaning in not just modern warfare but contemporary American life. See it with a couple of Chalupas in you...fire sauce, of course.

* not the little cubes you use to make soup.

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George Clooney tells his chauffeur to pull over for a minute so he can halt an international conflict

For Love of the Game

Grade: B-

by Matt Olney '01
Movie Reviewer

Kevin Costner is back on the ballfield in his latest film, For Love of the Game. Directed by Sam Raimi (Evil Dead, A Simple Plan), For Love of the Game abandons the laughs in Bull Durham and the magic of Field of Dreams, Costner's two other baseball films, and enters the romance genre. In fact, the centerpiece of this film is the love story between Costner and Kelly Preston, not baseball.

Costner plays Billy Chapel, a hall- of-fame- bound pitcher for the Detroit Tigers at the end of his career. When we first meet Chapel, the owner of the team (Brian Cox) has decided to sell the team and trade Chapel, his girlfriend Jane (Kelly Preston) has decided to leave him for Paris, and he is the starting pitcher in the Tigers upcoming game with the NY Yankees despite soreness in his arm. Cleverly, the story moves to flashbacks, showing how Billy and Jane met, the ups and downs of their relationship, and how she came to leave him. They succeed in tying in Jane's daughter and Chapel's lifestyle. The flashbacks are also a way to show how through his whole life, Billy has loved only one thing: the game of baseball. The plot keeps coming back to Billy's game against the Yankees, where he is pitching one of his best.

The story has many holes, and this is definitely not Costner's best acting, but the movie holds its own for a couple of reasons. For one, Costner has a great supporting cast. John C. Reilly is excellent as the hard-nosed catcher who keeps Chapel's head in the game. Preston shows range that we haven't seen before, and Brian Cox is great (as always) as the owner of the team. Second, even though the baseball is not the focus of the film, it is a great break from the love story. In the end, the baseball provides the punch while the love story crashes and burns. The very end was taken almost word for word from another sports film, Jerry MaGuire, and fails miserable. However, the climactic baseball ending, although predictable, provides a touch of magic to an otherwise dull film.

Overall, the film is a long, predictable love story with a little baseball. While Jerry MaGuire has the same concept, For Love Of The Game is not in the same category. It does not have the humor of Bull Durham or the magic of Field of Dreams. Despite these negatives, For Love of the Game has solid supporting acting, a nice musical score and a great baseball game that will leave you feeling good, and sometimes that is all that matters.

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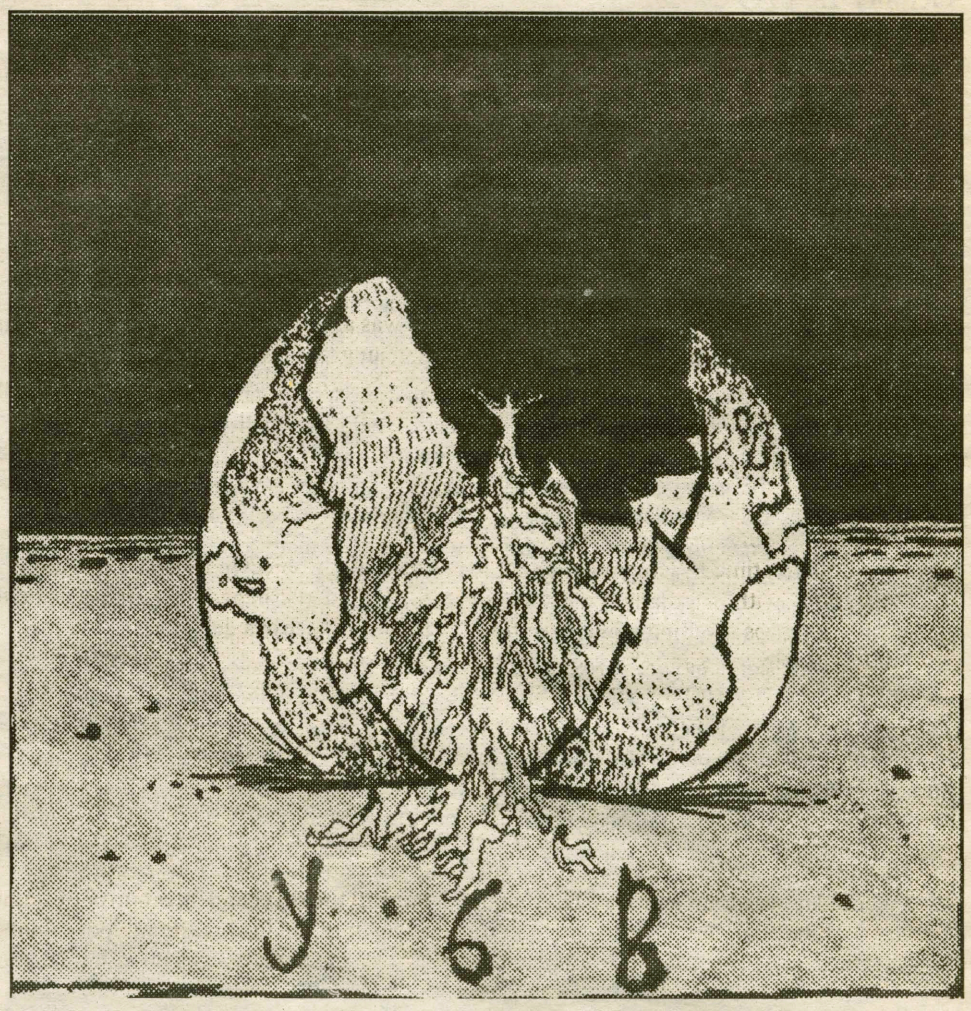
Editorial

This past Tuesday, our planet's population of human beings reached the impressive and astounding number of six billion (see news story on page 3). While some argue that this fact is not cause for alarm and that human ingenuity will continue to find ways to make our methods of production more efficient and to support more human life, others disagree. They point to the rapid rate of population growth in undeveloped countries where problems with hunger, disease, and violence are greater than in developed nations. We thought we would examine the implications of acting on these two opposing views.

The first view implies that we need only stay on our present course in order to provide for the needs of the world's population, arguing that human inventions have managed to sustain the life of our population until now, and should continue to be able to do so. This assumption ignores the fact that a large percentage of the world's population is currently subject to miserable living conditions, often due to the very advances that are supposed to be meeting our growing needs. By upsetting the balance of delicate ecosystems in Third World countries, industries that serve developed nations have taken away the potential livelihoods of numerous indigenous populations. Although, from our point of view, as residents of the richest nation on Earth, human ingenuity may serve to adequately meet the needs of a growing population; those who are living amidst the most rapid population growth while enjoying virtually none of the benefits of such ingenuity would probably disagree.

It is obvious that we must expand our view of the world to see outside the developed nations in order to realize the true implications of "Y6B," as the six billion mark has been dubbed. If our current system of distributive justice does not serve to provide adequate resources for citizens of underdeveloped countries to maintain minimum standards of living, then we must either increase their supply or decrease their demand in order to solve the problem. The supply-side solution is to endure significant cuts in our own standards of living in order to bring the lives of Third World citizens up to a healthy minimum. The demand-side solution is to reduce their population growth to a stable level that is more in line with the growth being experienced in developed nations, through education and birth control devices. The third solution, which is probably the least appealingto most Americans, is to forego any further involvement with underdeveloped nations. This would mean doing without the resources we obtain from them for our industrie.

In the short run, the most humane of our options is to increase the supply of resources needed to maintain minimum standards of living. In the long run, however, this practice alone will serve only to create a nation of dependent, unskilled people. We must use education about contraception and practical survival and job skills to stabilize the populations of these nations. In this way, the decline of their populations will come about in a humane manner, rather than in one that we will find it preferable to ignore, much as many people find it preferable to ignore current inequalities in standards of living throughout the world.



Letters

Alumni gift inappropriate

Acting Dean Schwarz gleefully revealed via e mail that we had collected another five million dollars towards the construction of the the new science building. After threatening to withdraw the donation if it were not matched by two other "gifts" of five million dollars, the school promptly received another five million dollars.

I wonder only this: who are these people who have five million dollars to give to Hamilton College? Do they know that there are babies starving and mothers dying of breast cancer? Have they heard that there is still no cure for AIDS? Did they just think that of all the ways to donate five million dollars, Hamilton was the most worthwhile cause?

And since when was Hamilton so desperate for money? I am entirely unsure of whether or not this is true, but I can recall reading that we has the third or fourth largest endowment in the country. But I will withdraw that anyway. Even if we were flat broke, why would you give money to us? Have their been rumblings that the Science building as now is in unacceptable condition? Was it you who kept complaining that Beinecke wasn't big enough? I know that I didn't ask for brand new Jitneys, I liked the old ones.

So for this Bristol guy and anyone else who is interested in giving money to our school: We Don't Need Your Money! What kind of a lunatic would come up to this campus and see everyone driving around in new cars wearing j crew and think- now here is a place where my generosity is really needed. Utica barely has enough money to support a fire department, give them money! If you really feel that sentimental about Hamilton, set up some more scholarships that can bear your old white name. To end on a serious note, though, what kind of a horrible person uses five million extra dollars he has probably stolen from the poor in the first place and spends it on something as irrelevant as a new science building for Hamilton College. If you are that desperate for a tax break and so averse to helping the poor, at least give us something cool like a football stadium.

Christopher Machera
Class of 2000

What do you make of this?

Dear Sirs,

I am being tasered (like long range stun gunned) by the neighbors, and also the house across the street from mine and the house on the corner of my street. I am very sure because when I walk by the houses they taser out at me. My nose is being choked and my lungs-also my lungs fill with mucus-a lot of mucus constantly choking me. Also, I have a great deal of pain from the tasering, starting from my head and neck to my arms and shoulders to my legs. The tasering neighbors don't let me sleep ever. All the above continues 24 hours every day and night. Please, please, please help me please. They gave me a heart attack with the taser. I required hospitalization 3 weeks ago. There are 13 apartments facing my house.

Sincerely,
"Jane Doe"

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Lowest Commons Denominator

Justin Tyler

(Warning: The following article will both shock and stun you. It may change the way you eat on this campus. It may force you to reexamine the medical industry as a whole. Least of all you will learn the value of a loyal food taster. You've been warned.)

Where were you last Wednesday around dinner time? Were you relaxing in your room with a poignant episode of MASH, perhaps scouling while Tree from Rattlebasket lectured you about abstinence? Maybe you were enjoying a meal with your friends. Maybe you were in Commons. I sure was.

At approximately 6:17 PM our victim, a plucky young Justin Tyler, rolled up to Commons dining hall. This will henceforth be known as mistake number one. Mr. Tyler's day was long and very busy so he was looking to unwind with some quality food and pleasant conversation. He decided to go with the the Potatoes Au Gratin (hint: mistake number two). The potatoes looked downright delectable behind the counter with little chunks of ham mixed in just like mom used to make. To be frank, he couldn't refuse. Justin complimented his potatoes with a liberally tossed Caesar salad and a three pepper cheese quesadilla topped with a tangy blend of salsa and sour cream. Bon appetit!

At 6:33 Justin reached his table to find his friends debating whether the GoBots could take the Transformers in a fair fight. He joined the debate quite ferociously on the GoBots side and after losing hands down, settled in for his first au gratin bite. The potatoes entered our hero's mouth at 6:38. After a number of chews, 46 being proper, he was alarmed to find some sort of foreign non au gratin object in his mouth.

"Curious," he thought, "there is something strange in my mouth."

At 6:39 he reached in his mouth and removed the erroneous object.

Now at this moment you, the audience, may be asking yourself, "What was that foreign object in Justin Tyler's mouth at 6:39 PM? Perhaps a misshapen potato? Maybe a piece of salad crossing the vegetble boundary? Worse case scenario: an undercooked piece of ham."

At 6:39 PM, Justin Tyler removed a dirty band-aid from his mouth.

It's OK to scream, I did, like a wee babe taking a bath as a matter of fact. Feel free to vomit, many have. Even feel free to laugh, my friends sure did. But take a moment to think of the sheer and utter horror of finding a chunk of medical waste in your mouth.

Yes, I complained. I brought that band-aid back to the nearest administrative Commons employee I could find. I yelled and gesticulated for a good five minutes about what had happened. She proceded to say how sorry she was that someone had lost a used band-aid in my food and then asked me if I would like another plate.

Another plate!?! Are you kidding me?!? Did she think I somehow wanted another serving of band-aid au gratin? How about a Caesar syringe salad? She somehow didn't see the sheer magnitude of this event. This is a serious health threat! Plagues are started this way! Can you imagine what the person was thinking when they were cooking the potatoes au gratin? First of all they weren't wearing gloves of any kind which last I heard was a pretty serious health code violation, especially when you have a CUT FINGER! Plus when they realized that they had lost this band-aid, they continued cooking! Did they think it would vanish? Maybe fingernails and strands of hair can blend in with the food but this was a band-aid!

I get ill just thinking about it. At least now something can be done. Bon Appetit has a monopoly on the food we eat here at Hamilton. If it is going to be prepared under conditions where something like this could happen, then it is time for a change. This is not an isolated incident. I've heard reports of bugs, hair and even a tack have been found on other occasions. It's time we banded together and did something about it. If you found a band-aid in your food at a restaurant would you go back? No, but we only have one dining option on campus, consequently our option must change. There will be a petition up in Beinecke on the Manifestos wall that you can sign to show your dissatisfaction for our present food service situation. Bring a pen. Tell your friends.

Anybody want to order a pizza for dinner tonight?

Old Wine in New Bottles

Mackay Rippey

Life is hard and then you graduate. I laughed nervously when professor Chen commented that Chinese 110 was the most rigorous course at Hamilton. "Students tell me that if you can succeed in this class, you will succeed in every other class you take," she said. Yeah Right! This sounded suspiciously like Chinese propoganda. The collective voice of a proud race. The first to invent gunpowder, paper, acupuncture, civil service exams, noodles. The only people with enough nerve to name their nation "the country at the center of the world." Only the pure of heart can withstand the fire of learning the Chinese Language. Only the pure of heart speak Chinese. Yeah Right! "My name is professor Chen," she continued, "In Chinese that is Chen Lao Shi. I'm from Taiwan"

She smiled. I died. TAIWAN! That pesky little capitalistic thorn in the side of the great dragon China? Not prideful win-Olympic-gold-at-all-costs mainland China, but honest little brave Taiwan. I looked toward the exits. "Run!" my brain screamed. I could make it. Only three first years between me and the door. This was all some horrible mistake. I signed onto The Horizon Program* for enrichment, culture, fun, not work. What had I done? What had we done? I looked around the room. Everyone looked pale and it wasn't just the flourescent lights. Even students with the golden glow of their Asian heritage showing through their skin looked peaked.

"In addition to the hour class Monday through Thursday, there will be individual sessions on Friday, homework every night, a quiz every day, a test every week and it would be very helpful to go to the language lab every day," said my honest understated Taiwanese professor. "What about balance?" I wanted to shout, the delicate dance of priorities , the holy grail of new age souls. The way of all great Chinese philosophers. "Those who stand on tiptoe do not stand firm," said the ancients. Could Lao Tsu be wrong? Was not he part of the culture which birthed the toughest course at Hamilton? I was scared.

Truth be told, life advances in a mad swirling of uncertainty and fear. Periods of spectacular growth bookmark uneventful routine passing of time. True balance occurs not by limiting one's participation in life, but rather in surrendering to life. A life well lived hurtles from one adventure to the next. Memories are forged in the furnaces of passion not of the cool calm of a balance. My path, blazed months ago with a quiet mind, revealed itself once more. Together, the brave souls of Chinese 110 and I, let go, tipped the scales, and surrendered.

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The Spectator highlights faculty standout Cheng Li

by Amy Kopriva '02
PEOPLE EDITOR

We all understand, to a certain extent, the concept of dual identity. Many students feel ties to a " home self" vs. "a Hamilton self." Most people continue to believe that " you can take me out of {insert home state here}, but you can't take the {insert home state here} out of me."

Professor of Government Cheng Li's sentiments follow suit. However, his two senses of self span the globe: China and the United States and, specifically, the American culture atop Hamilton's hill. Professor Li's nearly nine years on campus earned him the honor of promotion to full professorship last week, amongst four fellow faculty members. This honor makes apparent the many distinctions Li has earned since his arrival on campus. Since returning to China for two years in 1993-1995 as a fellow of the Institute of Current World Affairs, Li has already published one book, entitled *Rediscovering China: Dynamics and Dilemmas of Reform*, as well as 12 academic articles. His second book, *China's Leaders: The New Generation*, is forthcoming. He is currently teaching two courses: Politics in China and a Senior Thesis Seminar entitled East Asia and the United States.

As if these achievements and obligations were not enough to keep him busy, he has been frequently been called upon to share his insights about Chinese and U.S. relations, including appearances on the PBS Newshour with Jim Lehrer, CNN International, CSPAN and BBC. Professor Li's firsthand knowledge derives from his childhood experiences growing up in Shanghai during the Cultural Revolution. Due to the disheartening influences of political turmoil in Li's home country, his elementary and secondary education was fragmented and strained. His innumerable academic achievements are amplified by the fact that he was therefore largely self-educated. Li explains, " I spent most of my boyhood years fleeing from the " Red Terror" of the Cultural Revolution. My childhood memories were thus filled with scenes of man's inhumanity towards other human beings." He elaborates, "I think the Cultural Revolution created a sense of insecurity in me."

Fortunately in 1985 Li was accepted at the University of California at Berkeley with a scholarship designed for Asian Studies. He then continued his graduate work at Princeton University, which by chance set him on the path to Hamilton. At the recommendation of a fellow student there who was also a Hamilton graduate, Li accepted a position at Hamilton. Li's American school training and the beginning of his career in education provided him with first- hand experience with the American ideals of individualism and freedom, theories which sometimes ran contradictory to those he internalized as a child in China. Li said, "It was indeed a big adjustment and a challenge to come here", as {then Dean} Tobin anticipated. The reason, Li explains was that " China, unlike the United States, does not have a liberal arts tradition." Additionally, Li's first few months on the Hill were especially difficult because, "I had a heavy teaching load, and I also needed to finish my dissertation." With a glint of after-the-fact mature realization, Li quips, "And oh! So-called success and failure are so close! "

Despite the challenges of assimilation, Li's successes surpassed all expectations. In addition to Tobin's help, Li humbly attributes his success to his "role models": Douglas Raybeck of anthropology, Derek Jones of economics, and Carol Rupprecht of the comparative literature department. Li explains, "Their dedication to our students was inspiring, I remember seeing them working late nights and on the weekends." Chinese faith in the power of a strong work ethic proved effective for Li even within the framework of American culture. Li's return to his home country was made possible through his selection as a fellow of the Institute of Current World Affairs. One of the most positive aspects of Li's trip was that he lived as a resident rather than a tourist. Li commented, "Mark Twain was absolutely right when he said that until a visitor becomes a resident, it is impossible to have an accurate understanding of a place and its people." However, Li also wants to emphasize that, "living in China for two years meant a great deal more to me than just a sabbatical abroad. It meant going home and going to the country in which I was born and knew well in a different time."

"Humility will always be with me, at the same time, I will work hard to survive."

During his stay, Li also traveled to other parts of China and Vietnam, for means of comparison. His energies and activities were directed toward understanding China's transformation from a socialist economy to a market econor . Specifically, he worked as a journalist and analyzed, "how government policies change lives, and how a shift in economics can influence thinking." The balance between ambition and humility is one which Li strives for daily. His Chinese heritage taught him the importance of humility, but his American experience made him aware of his potential and his commitment to reaching his goals and pursuing his interests. Li explains, "Humility will always be with me, at the same time, I will work hard to survive." Li recommends his personal recipe for success to his students as well. He elaborates, "I do believe that it is very important for us to emphasize a strong work ethic here. The students here are very smart, but I think we need to demand more from them academically, especially in the areas of reading, writing, and oral assignments." Li also believes that although our campus community is aware of the need to understand the implications of globalization, we do not actively pursue attacking these issues as much as we should, and our social consciousness is limited by this unfortunate circumstance. He comments, "The irony is that we are not as concerned with these issues as we should be. Our view of the world is still dominated by the Western perspective. I think if we become too content and too isolated it can be quite dangerous. We need to pay more attention to international news because I see an overemphasis on domestic issues."

Cheng Li:
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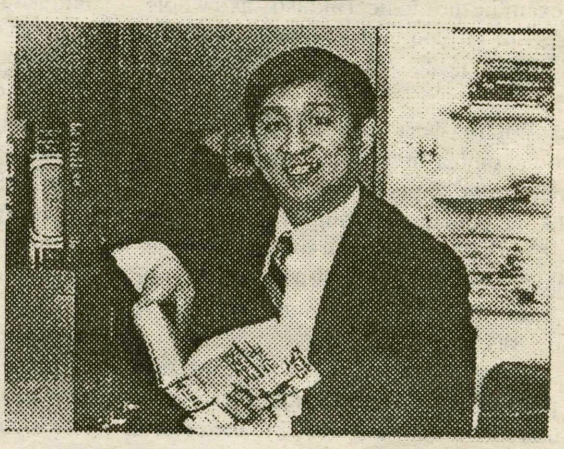

Li's experience on the Hill has also lead him to the troubling observation that although students are very intelligent when they arrive, sometimes they overlook the need for further intellectual growth through the nurturing environment Hamilton provides. At a conference in New York City earlier this year sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, Li advocated greater support for the humanities and an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Li's latest accomplishments are his participation in a conference sponsored by a National Committee at the U.S. Congress and his recent invitation by the Department of State to brief the new U.S. Ambassador to China. Professor Li is clearly an example of a man who practices what he preaches. His participation in American government, teaching students at Hamilton, and writing about international affairs, especially about China, demonstrate his personal commitment to understanding the world far beyond our Hill.

Actor urges audience to follow their career dreams

by Amy Kopriva '02
PEOPLE EDITOR

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Tolles lecturer and actor Eric Bogosian laid out the pitfalls and pratfalls of life on the stage.

As the kick - off event of Fallcoming Weekend, the Performing Arts Series sponsored the Winston Tolles lecture on Sept. 23 featuring guest speaker Eric Bogosian. The lecture took place in Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center and was well attended by students, faculty, and Clinton residents alike. Bogosian, a film actor in more than twelve films including Woody Allen's "Deconstructing Harry," performance artist, and author of screenplays, offered a lively and personable lecture describing his experience with the decision to make theater his life passion.

The Tolles lecture series began in 1991 with the help of the Class of 1951 in memory of Winton Tolles '28, who also served as dean of the college from 1947 to 1972. This series sponsors writers from the artistic disciplines of literature, journalism, and theater to both address students and meet with them in classes or on an individual basis. Bogosian graduated from Oberlin College in 1976 as the sole theater major.

Bogosian's upfront lecture made evident the personal and political struggle that all actors must endure upon graduation. Although he " always knew" that he wanted to act, influences such as his parents apparent disapproval through the comment that " acting was just not a good idea" caused him to try to find other passions that would also help him make a living. Bogosian's both honest and unassuming approach to the audience in regard to the self-proposed question of "How did I get here?" made his presentation entertaining and engaging. Upon traveling to New York City to try to get his career engine started, Bogosian "had no expectations. I did struggle, but all of a sudden there was flurry of opportunities."

In his address, he emphasized that there is "always an impact of chance in theater." Clearly, however, it was more than just chance that lead Bogosian to succeed.

Bogosian is the author of subUrbia from the Lincoln Center Theater and Griller from the Goodman Theatre in Chicago, in addition to three Obie Award-winning solos entitled "Drinking in America; Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n' Roll," and "Pounding Nails in the Floor with My Forehead," the latter of which Blackbird Records not long ago released a live performance recording. Perhaps most famously, Bogosian's work on the highly acclaimed play Talk Radio earned him The Berlin Film Festival's Silver Bear for Outstanding Achievement.

Bogosian believes that actors who represent a true love for theater "would still do a movie even if they knew that no one would see it, or if they would not get paid." He elaborated on this concept when he stated that the best actors, those that truly deserve to be revered, are those who "are living for the moment. They need to strive to make every performance perfect because different people are watching each time. It is also important to establish a relationship with the audience, to make a connection, because each performance is a one time opportunity."

He advises aspiring theologians to " find your voice, and look for what makes sense to you. When you are creating material to later be acted, you need to make sure that the issues you address are somehow relevant to your audience. There should also be multiple levels of interpretation. You should make it look easy, but leave your audience to know that there is more to look for within."

Bogosian also expressed the belief that "actors are just as much a part of the creative process as I am as the author." Bogosian's lecture detailed the advantages and disadvantages of choosing acting or theater as a career. However, it was clear as a member of the audience that Bogosian is content with his decision and wouldn't have it anyway else. After all, he explained with a glint in his eye, "I like having people looking at me!"

Cardboard makes a comeback

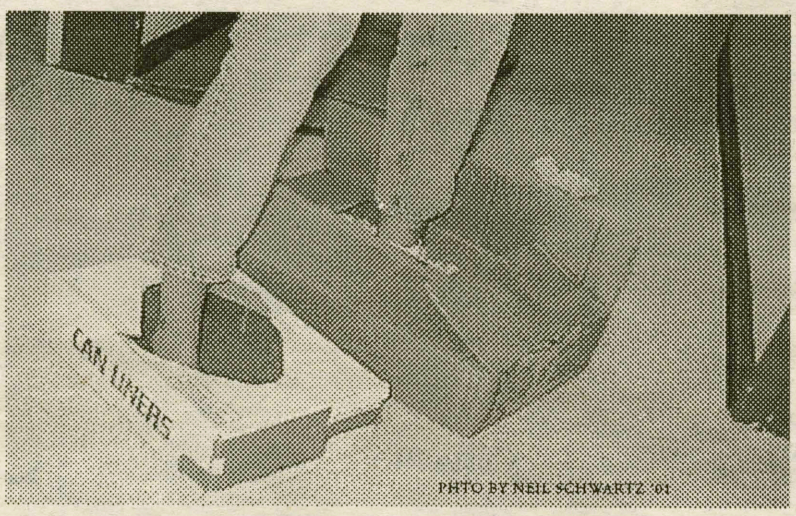
by Dan Reitman '01
Fashion Editor

Creative use of cardboard is no longer just for the homeless. When was the last time you saw your fellow man sporting a cardboard ensemble? not since one of Andy Warhol's off-the-wall hoe downs, I'm sure. Well this fashion maven is proud to report that what has been possibly the most overlooked and underappreciated fabric is back, and it's packing a wallop at the major boutiques across the village of Clinton.

By far the most popular item for this season are cargo pants made of real cargo packing cardboard. You wanna talk foldability? slip these puppies off and step to flatten! You'll tapdance your way to the most compact piece of clothing since the short-lived invisible handkerchief. Next up, and my personal favorite, is the Lacoste cardboard cardigan. Made of 100% brown cardboard, this fine piece - ably modeled by Susan Paige '01, is for the gent (or lady) who appreciates the finer paper goods in life. With some scissors and high-grade glue, this sweater — made famous by such actors as Steve Guttenberg and Ron Jeremy — becomes a reversible classic.

Finally, an item that is hitting stores as we speak: Knike Aire Macks (pronounced Nike Air Max) cardboard trainers and their patented Aire technology. These ultra comfy concrete surfers — modeled by the lovely Merrill Indoe '01 — are made entirely of super-high-grade cardboard. These shoes have the ingenious integration of cellophane packing bubbles into the sole of the shoe to thank for their excellent fit. As a result, these kicks will hug your dogs like flies on feces. In a recent game of hoops with a viciously competitive 94 -year-old ball-hog of a woman, I had this high-tech footwear to thank for almost tying the game. Of course, one can't win them all.

No doubt, every great idea comes with it's own rainy cloud: cardboard gets wet. Really, really wet. Just the other day, I was promenading about main street in my one-of-a-kind cardboard leisure suit (which, very conveniently folds out into a ground pad for wild, tiger-like lovemaking), when it started to drizzle. I was soaked within minutes, and the differing colors of my jacket and pants ran into each other. Brown1 ran freely into brown4. Needless to say this was a disaster and I scampered up the hill covering myself in shame and embarrassment, almost preferring to be naked. Is this a cautionary tale to hold you back from indulging in what is quite possibly the most decadent material since Honduran silk? Heavens no. Only that every silver (cardboard, really) lining comes with a dark cloud. Shop at your own risk!



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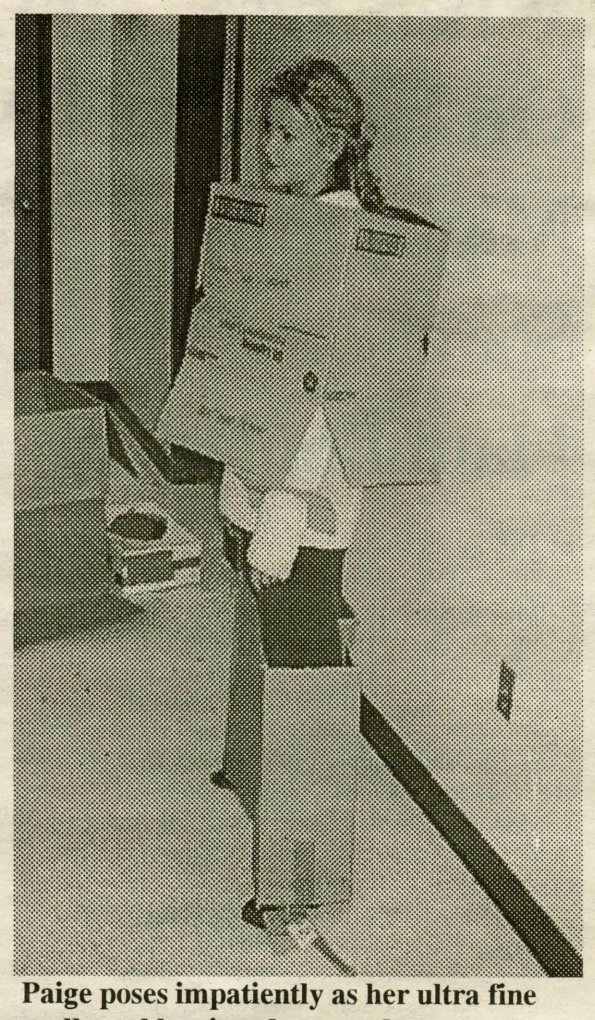

Paige poses impatiently as her ultra fine cardboard leggings heat up the scene.
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Where Else On Earth Might You See a Hamiltonian?

by D.J. Postles '00

I spent the summer of 1998 participating in the Summer Institue of Hispanic Studies, created by Hamilton's spanish professor's Santy Tejerina-Canal and Jeremy Medina. I lived in Leon, Spain with a host family, took classes Mon-Fri, and went on excursions over the weekend with the group. We had one weekend off in July '98 where all the American students went to the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona.

Upon arriving, we found a place to store our bags, and I was standing in line with some friends from the program. Behind me were some girls on the program who were talking with a random kid who was studying abroad in Germany for the year, and taking his vacation. They were talking and they found out that this kid went to Hamilton, so they told him that "there was some kid from Hamilton who's a swimmer on our program" and the Hamilton student told them that he was a swimmer as well. So the next thing I know I'm standing in line and the girls on my program told me to go to the end of the line where ithere's some other swimmer guy from Hamilton.

It ended up being Todd Marzlof '99 who was traveling around by himself for a few days on his break from Germany. We
hung out the whole night and saw the Running of the Bulls the next morning. After that, we went our separate ways, but it was fun to run into another Hamilton student in the last place you would expect to see somebody!

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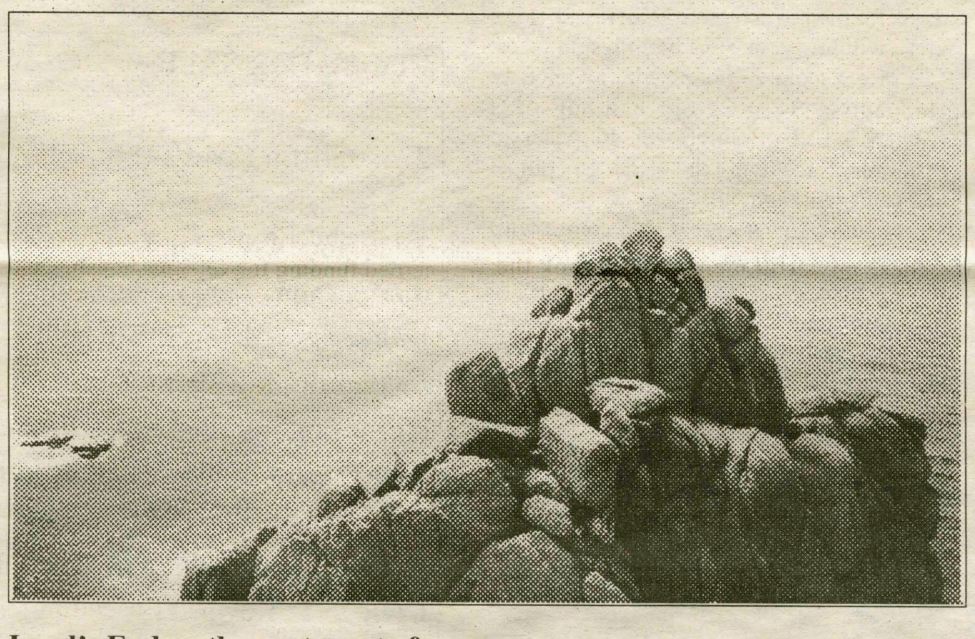

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Roasting in the Southern heat

by Phil Toomajian '01
Special to the Spectator from Washington, DC

This week's activities went well. I've become more or less accustomed to the ways of the office. I've learned who everyone is, what their responsibilities are, and what letters and faxes go where. It's nice to be settled in and comfortable.

Added to my everyday tasks this past week were some exciting opportunities. On Tuesday I was invited to attend a roast of Senator Tom Daschle to raise money for a scholarship at the University of South Dakota in his name. A roast is a gathering where friends get together to exchange lighthearted criticisms. The $1,000 a plate event took place at the Freedom Forum in Arlington, VA on the 23rd floor of the Newseum. I arrived early at the event and helped escort the likes of former presidential candidate George McGovern, Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig, the CEO of Gateway Computers, and Senator Tom Daschle to the rooftop, where before dinner drinks were had. It was my first time meeting the Senator and I was instantly overwhelmed by his charisma. You could tell that he makes his living by meeting people and leaving an impression on them. I then went upstairs to join the cocktail hour on the roof. What a spectacular view! I'm told that it is one of the best views of D. C. and I don't doubt it. There I was, having drinks on the rooftop of a building with a group of 75 people, most of whom had paid $1,000 to be there and the rest of whom were public officials. I felt like a little kid. We then went inside and sat down for dinner. I was, as I expected, placed at one of the lesser tables with no real celebrities, but I didn't mind. The meal was super and the event itself was even better.

The event began with video roasts of the Senator by Tom Brokaw [a University of South Dakota alum] and Representative John Thune, the lone U. S. Representative from South Dakota. Both were pretty funny. Then the night really got started. South Dakota's Governor Bill Janklow was the first to roast. I've read a lot of negative press on Janklow in the South Dakota papers and didn't have high expectations of a State Republican speaking about a Federal Democrat. Boy, was I mistaken. Apparently, Daschle and Janklow are good friends. Janklow obviously had a ton of respect for Daschle. It was truly impressive to see partisan politics set-aside in the spirit of a good cause. I'd always heard that partisanship was something that was greatly exaggerated by the media, but this was my first view of friendship across party lines

Tim Johnson, South Dakota's junior Senator followed with an equally rousing roast. For a man who is known for being less than charismatic, he had a good sense of humor. In a show of self-mockery, he spoke of his own charisma, saying that he had been busy recently writing speeches for the always-electrifying Al Gore and Bill Bradley. Next up was Senator Bob Kerrey from Nebraska, who is a personal friend of Senator Daschle. All in all, it was a very funny roast. It became crystal clear to me that there is a lot of love for Senator Daschle. After the roasting was through, Daschle got up to thank his colleagues and put on a show of his own. It was really special. It's not every Senator who will let his colleagues poke fun at him and then laugh about it and do the same thing to himself. But, the best part of the night was yet to come.

After the event was officially over, I had the chance to talk with McGovern, Johnson, Kerrey, Janklow, and Daschle. It was incredible to meet them, but even more so to talk to them. It blew my mind that these powerful men actually took the time to ask who I was, where I was from, and how I was enjoying D.C. Daschle even knew who I was when I mentioned that I was his new intern. It was an incredible night. There was no form of media at the event and I was truly privileged to be a part of something special. The night made me feel good about being here in Washington and made me proud to be working for Senator Daschle.

The busy life of a United States Senator

by Aaron Holmes '01
Special to the Spectator from Washington, DC

The dynamic life of an congressional intern continued this past week. Meetings with the Vice-President, briefing the Senator on foreign terrorist organizations, and of course entertaining private interest groups at posh Washington restaurants are all standard responsibilities of an intern. But I prefer to pass up the opportunities at the extravagant, high profile tasks, and spend hours upon hours collating mail and replying to the thousands of constituents who contact the office each day complaining about gun-control or campaign finance reform.

For those of you who have never had the pleasure of reading constituent mail in a federal office, there are hundreds of seriously deranged individuals who write the Senator every day warning of the apocalypse and the day of jubilee. Who are these people? Nevertheless, their needs are real and immediate and we respond to them in a dignified and timely manner.

Things really heated up this past week for the Kerry (D-MA) staff. This time of the year is reserved for passing the federal budget, and per usual the Senate is horribly behind schedule. This problem is circumvented every year by passing continuing resolutions that extend the previous years budget. The Senator proposed two amendments to the VA-HUD (Veterans Affairs-Housing and Urban Development) appropriations bill, and outlined his plan for comprehensive education reform at the National Press Club downtown. The amendments concerned funding for veterans housing and an environmental organization and were sandwiched in between the great debate over the Hutchinson amendment over oil taxation. The Hutchinson debate was quite divisive, but also descriptive of the role of partisan politics.

Essentially the amendment, proposed by Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-TX), would remove federal Tarriffs placed upon oil companies drilling on public lands. The funds raised by the tax were designated to be used for environmental and educational programs. Surprisingly enough, the Republicans were wholeheartedly in support of the bill and democrats adamantly opposed it.

The democrats argued passionately about the inequalities of providing exemptions for big business, while the republicans responded with the standard quip about less government and regulation. The amendment came down to the fact that Senator Hutchinson is in bed with Texas oil, and passed an amendment in their behalf. I was amazed that legislation aimed at appeasing big business was so easily passed through the Senate.

The second of Kerrys two amendments was for renewal of the Montreal Protocol, an international organization designed to observe and enforce emissions standards. The multilateral organization is comprised of seventy some-odd nations and primarily assists developing nations enact structural change in order to reach international emission standards. It is a good program, and I was proud to have done some of the legwork involved in its passing the Senate.

The much more exciting event of the week was the introduction of the Senator's comprehensive plan for education reform. Kerry spoke at the National Press Club along with a host of other professors and individuals involved with education. The Senator is neither a supporter of the Democratic education plan of increased funding for new schools and smaller classes, or of the Republican plan of vouchers and charter schools. Senator Kerry does support school construction, but views it only as a component of his plan for education reform. Kerry's plan involves an introduction of achievement standards when institutions receive public funding. These standards will introduce a level of accountability that is nonexistent in todays education system.

Secondly, the reduction in certification standards for teachers will allow qualified individuals from the private sector to become teachers and help eliminate the large deficit of teachers. The Senator is also a proponent of increasing the base salary from 20-30k to 40-70k to entice intelligent graduates into the teaching profession. This, in combination with a twelve month work year, will incorporate a level of professional legitimacy that has been absent from the teaching profession.

The most interesting aspect of the legislation is the political posturing involved when a non-partisan agenda is put forth in the Senate. This was illustrated to me by Kerry's Legislative Director in a conversation concerning the role elections have in the legislative process. The LD explained how the Democratic leadership has garnished Kerry as a maverick in respect to his education bill.

First of all, Kerry does not sit on the Health Education Labor and Pension (HELP) committee, and should therefore pursue legislation under the jurisdiction of those committees which he does sit. Secondly, most Democrats are attempting to covertly block any social legislation from passing this term so that they may run against a "Ïdo nothing" Congress in the upcoming election.

This is a political tool usually employed by the minority in hopes of gaining a few seats in the next election cycle. The Democratic Party is using education to gain seats, while Kerry is using education to help kids. This is quite admirable and is the mark of a politician with deep personal conviction and character.

On a final note, this type of comprehensive legislation is often used as a vehicle to a more prominent position. While I am not attributing any ulterior motives to Kerrys policy decisions, I will say this type of legislation is perfect for a campaign.

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Janá_ek Kicks Off Chamber Music Society's 59th Season

by Ryan Elias '00
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

The internationally renowned Janá_ek Chamber Orchestra inaugurated the 1999 season on Sunday, October 3, with an exceptional performance at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute. The concert marked the opening of The Chamber Music Society of Utica's 59th season. The society, co-founded in 1941 by Hamilton College professor and benefactor Arthur Percy Saunders, has attracted some of the world's greatest chamber music ensembles to Utica, which include The Guarneri String Quartet, The Beaux Arts Trio of New York, and the renowned Julliard String Quartet. In keeping with such a tradition, the Society welcomed The Janá_ek Chamber Orchestra to perform for this gala event.

The ensemble, founded in 1964, originates in the Czech Republic and has toured extensively since its inception. Violinist Zdenek Dejmek leads the group of eleven string musicians, which is arguably comprised of some of the most gifted musicians in Eastern Europe. The orchestra began Sunday evening's program with a selection from W.A. Mozart's Divertimento in D Major (K.136), most commonly known as the Salzburg symphonies. Ancangelo Corelli's sonata La Follia (Op.5, No.12), J.S. Bach's Concerto in A Minor (BMV 1041), and Antonín Dvo_ák's Serenade in E Major (Op.22) were also performed.

To say the Janá_ek Chamber Orchestra performs with passion would be a grave understatement and a serious disservice. The music elicited such emotion from each performer that it was noticeable in their body movement and facial expression. From the audience's point of view, the orchestra's physical response to the music was so pronounced it appeared as if they themselves were hearing it for the first time. The emotion that poured out of each musician was truly an extraordinary thing to witness. Also noteworthy was the orchestra's distinctive cohesiveness.

I happened to overhear a member of the audience remark during intermission that the ensemble moved not like a group of individual musicians, but rather as a single entity. One gets a true sense of the orchestra's cohesion as Mr. Dejmek conducts. He has an uncanny ability to direct the group with subtle breath cues and what appears to be some form of telepathy. The orchestra started each piece with such diamond saw precision and managed to maintain this union throughout the performance.

Of special noteworthiness was violinist Zdenek Dajc's first-rate solo in Bach's Concerto in A Minor. So flawlessly executed was his solo it left me no alternative but to conclude that this was how Bach had envisioned the piece in his head. If you only see twenty minutes of The Janá_ek Chamber Orchestra's performance, this is what I recommend.

The Chamber Music Society will welcome The Muir String Quartet on November 14. Those who wish to purchase tickets for this series should refer to the information reprinted at right.

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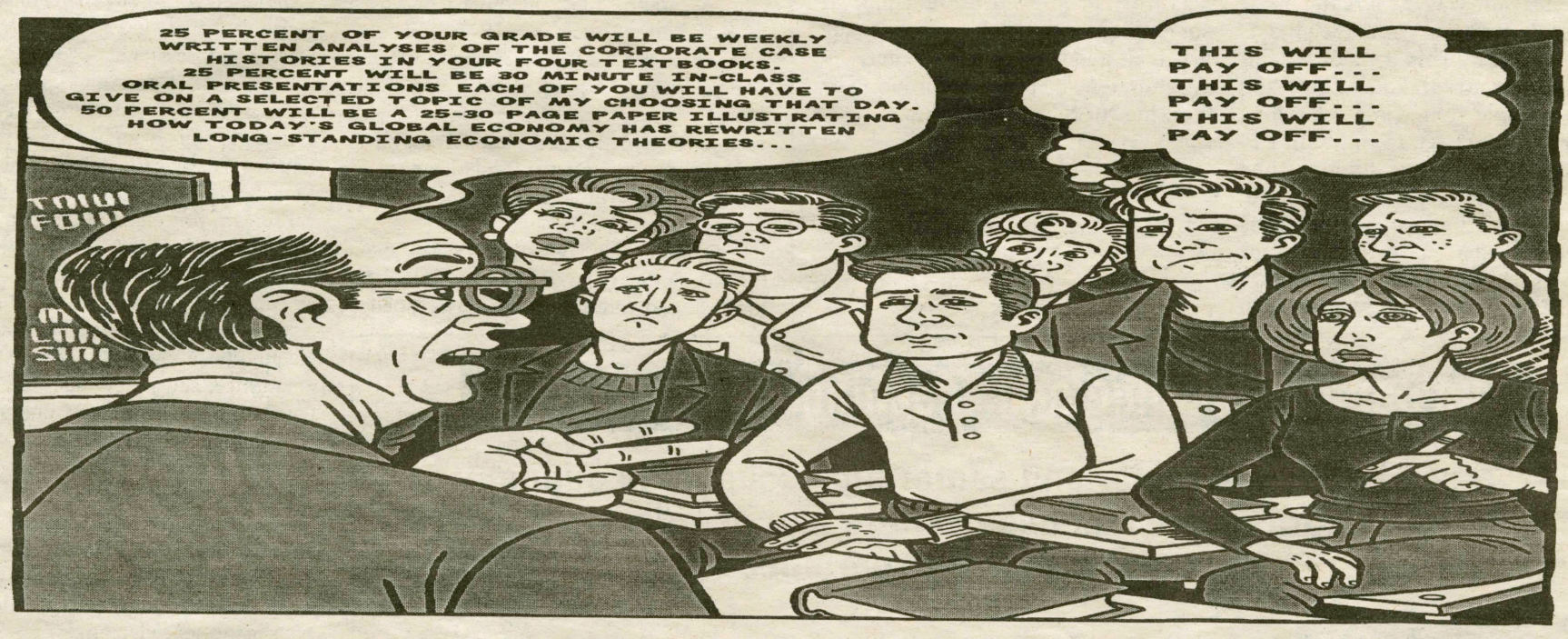
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Women's rugby meets its match

by Diane Soboski '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Union women's rugby team defeated Hamiltons' team, 20-10. The game was expected to be difficult and both teams came out strong, but Hamilton came up just a little short in the end.

Union started out strong, scoring their first try early in the first half. The kick for extra points, failed, however leaving the score at 5-0. Despite some excellent tackles by fullback Jenna Bussman '02, the Union women continued to plow through Hamilton's defense. By the end of the half Union had scored three tries, without completing any of their kicks. Becky Karb '02 kicked for points on a penality call leaving the score at half 15-3.

Hamilton was at a loss. Adding to the frustration of an incredibly fast opposition, Hamilton was now faced with the loss of one of their tri-captains Tamar Scoggin '00 who was forced to leave the game after sustaining a considerable blow. Her absence left the Hamilton Women with the incredible challange of making up for presence on the field.

"Tamar is an incredible tackler, she goes into every play with full force and we need to make up for that. We're all going to have to go out there and give 150% to make up for not having her there with us, remember that," said tri-captain Bess Judson '00 as the team ran onto the field for the second half.

The second half was better for the Continentals. They came out strong with a near try by Jess Haab '02 that was soon followed by a run from Jenna Bussman '02 that gave Hamilton itís first try of the game. With the extra kick from Karb, the score was now 15-10 in favor of Union.

The Hamilton women pushed hard and nearly scored again, but Union was an incredibly strong team. Defensively Hamilton did well in the second half, making more tackles then they had in the first, and giving Union more of a struggle in the mauls.

Union finally let one slip by Hamilton and scored once again for the last play of the game, leaving the final score 20-10, as the Continentals took

Football looks toward Bowdoin for first win

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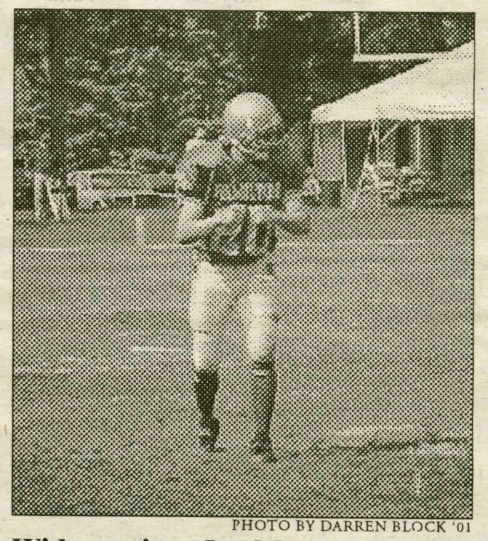
[Wesleyan] is a good defensive team and they forced Robbie [Peters] to go to other options."

Martin made it clear that offensive coordinator Mike Davis was not to blame for the lack of balls that were thrown in his direction. Frank said of the matter, "He [Martin] is always a major part of our plan, we need to execute better and get the ball to him."

The pass interference call that went against Spezzano seemed to take the wind out of the Continentals' sails. Frank said, "once they scored our bubble burst, we are good enough to recover from a one or two touchdown deficit . . one play should never determine or effect the next play."

This week the Continentals travel to face a Bowdoin team that also posts and 0-3 record. According to free safety Thatcher Freeborn, " Bowdoin is beatable. They lost a lot of seniors on the offensive line and we should be able to take advantage of this and force some interceptions. We have a real good shot [at a win], and if we play our best we should beat them. We just have to put it together for this game and take advantage of all our opportunities."

Clearly the Continentals still have a little ways to go, but every week something new seems to fit into place. After the team's performances the past two weeks, it appears as though a win is not far from the Continentals sights.



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Wide receiver Jay Morell '02 has come up big for the Continentals.

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October 2
Hamilton 1 F
Potsdam 2
notes: goal by Sam Jackson '00

October 7
Clarkson 1 F
Hamilton 1
notes: goal by Dimitry Maurice '03

October 9
Hamilton 2 F
St. Lawrence 3
notes: goals by Sam Jackson '00 and Ernest Kwarteng '02

October 13 2 F/OT
University of Rochester 1
Hamilton
notes: goal by Nick Wilson '02

Women's Soccer (4-2-4)

October 2
Hamilton 2 F
Hartwick 0
notes: goals by Kelly Riddell '02 and Julia Guastella '02

October 6
Hamilton 0 F
Oneonta 0
notes: Azure Davey '00 - 9 saves

October 9
St. Lawrence 2 F
Hamilton 2
notes: goals by Jessica Elliot '02 and Julia Guastella '02

October 13
Skidmore 1 F
Hamilton 2
notes: goals by Carissa Baritell '03 and Julia Guastella '02

Men's Rugby

October 2
Hamilton Exiles 24 F
Union 12
notes: scores by L.D. Platt '01, Ban Mann '00 an dBen Myers '00

October 9
Hamilton Exiles PPD
SUNY Oneonta
notes: game was cancelled due to the fact that the referee did not show, is rescheduled for weekend of October 22.

Volleyball surpasses expectations

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success cannot be attributed to just those three players, but to a number of factors. "We have a new coach, we work hard, and we never give up," she said. "We're definitely more of a team than last year."

Coach Keller agreed: "There is a real positive team chemistry and a good old fashioned work ethic." Having successfully competed in the UCAA, the Continentals now begin play in the competitive NESCAC. Competition begins today (Friday, Oct. 15) at the NESCAC Quad at Trinity College. The other three teams are Trinity, Connecticut College, and Tufts. "NESCAC is huge—tough competition," remarked Clark.

Coach Keller added, "This is big for us. It's our first opportunity against NESCAC competition. In fact, every game we have left is big because they are all in tournaments involving other NESCAC schools."

The Continentals have already established themselves as a volleyball force to be reckoned with, and perhaps with a few more victories this weekend they can position themselves to be a championship team in Coach Keller's first year. Maybe they are not expected to do so, but it seems the Continentals have already exceeded a few of their own expectations. "I don't think we expected to be this good," concluded Clark.

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Pittsburgh at Cincinatti 10/17	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Benglas
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St. Louis at Atlanta 10/17	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams
Cleveland at Jacksonville 10/17	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars
Washington at Arizona 10/17	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins
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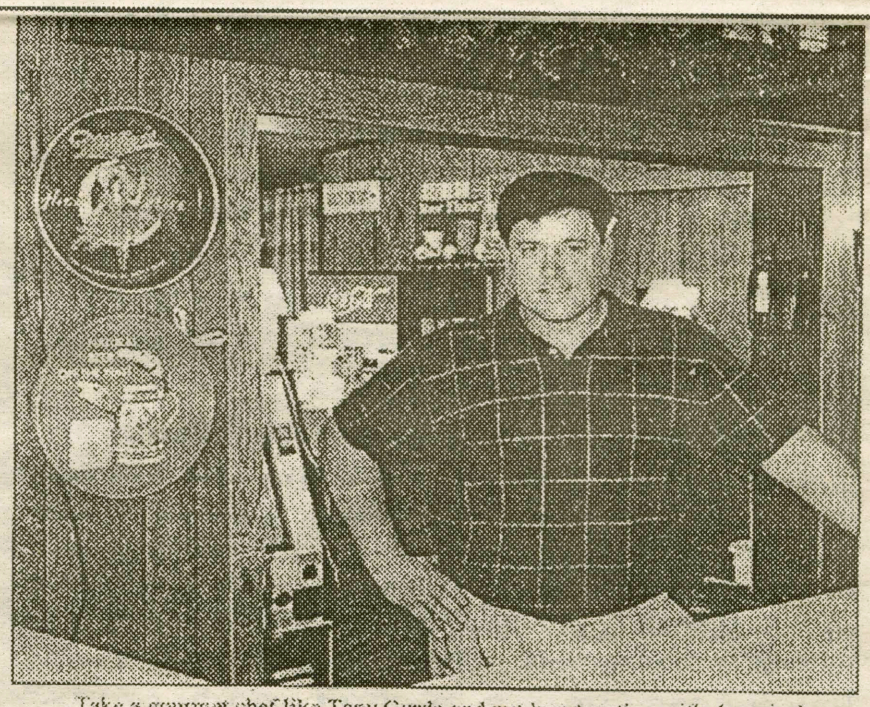

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Sports Spotlight: Coach Susan Keller

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS WRITER

Susan Keller has been described by her players as one of the most respected coaches on this campus. In her short time here, she has been credited with turning the volleyball program around; the team has rebounded from a fourth place finish in the UCAA conference last year to the second place rank they hold now.

Keller attended Slippery Rock College in Pennsylvania where she played Division II basketball. She attended college before the passage of Title IX, which called for equality in men's and women's sports. Because of this inequality, many of the opportunities that are open for her players were not available for her. Keller was lucky to have strong female role models in her family that gave her the courage and self confidence to enter a male dominated field.

For the past eighteen years, Keller has been teaching and coaching at all different age groups and levels, ranging from elementary school to college. She was the assistant volleyball coach at Division II Bemidji College in Minnesota. She is happy with her transition to Hamilton, where she is able to teach and coach at the college level, immersing herself in the community. Keller sees coaching not only as a personal goal, but as an outlet for her to give back to the community. Keller's coaching philosophy is molded by her team's individual personalities, although her expectations remain the same; she requires that they have a strong knowledge of the fundamentals and the ability to execute them.

Keller describes this year's team as an "incredible mix of people," going on to say, "they are very intelligent, very hard workers, and are able to enjoy playing." Keller also attributes the team's success to her relationship with assistant coach Julie Diehl.

Diehl praised Keller's influence this season, citing her "ability to break down fundamentals, her great organizational skills and her disciplined approach to sport." She also feels that Keller has been well received by the girls, especially because Keller will serve as a full time volleyball coach, in what has been a part time position in the past. This will allow her to put in the extra effort necessary to building the program.

Sophomore Kate Clark agrees with Diehl's description of Keller, calling this season a "vast improvement" over years past. Clark believes that under Keller's tutelage, the team has become more confident and knowledgeable about the sport. She also added that the quick turnaround of the program has led to more fans than ever attending their matches.

In the future, Keller will focus on actively recruiting stronger and taller players, especially setters after captain Sarah Champlaine '00 graduates. She will especially look for players whose personalities fit with others on the team. Overall, Keller views this season as a success and is looking forward to softball in the spring. As Kate Clark commented, "The volleyball program has nowhere to go but up!"

Zarin, Nuclo lead undefeated DU squad

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The DU Turks are showing fans why they were the preseason favorites to win the IM football championships. After two seasons of bitter playoff defeats, last year in the semi-finals and the year before in the finals, DU has opened the '99 campaign with a league leading 4-0 record.

Led by Junior QB Cal Zarin, DU's potent offense has overwhelmed opposing defenses. Senior Receivers Mike Nuclo, Nick Nakos, and Luke Hilpert have proved too much for secondaries around the league, even blowing away TDX's heralded defensive backs in a 22-0 debacle.

The Turks disposed of AD in similar fashion, and have beaten division rival Sachmos twice in the early part of the season by scores of 24-6 and 6-0. In fact, the Sachmos scored the only touchdown DU has allowed this year. Many DU faithful think they should be unscored upon, as the touchdown came on a controversial end zone call.

Nuclo described his defense's lone blemish: "It was a touch call, but you have to expect these things in IM. Nobody's perfect, and I don't expect anybody to be. As long as we win the games we play, I don't care about anything else."

Obviously, DU's biggest strength is its defense. Senior Scott Barry leads all defensive players with six interceptions from the safety position. Junior back Dan Kettner, has contributed nicely. "I'm quite pleased with Kettner's development. We knew two years ago he'd be a contributer, and it was just a matter of when. He's arrived." While Kettner and Barry harass opposing receivers, off season pickup Josh Spanburgh is devastating offensive lines. The play of the year thus far came in DU's game against TDX. Spams, a 350 pound lineman, picked off an errant JP LeBlanc pass and lumbered 80 yards for the touchdown. Between breaths, Spanburgh didn't seem surprised: "When you've been in the league as long as I have, you develop a 6th sense for the ball. I knew it was coming to me, and I wanted it." It's obvious nobody wants the 1999 championship more than Spanburgh and a talented DU squad.

In other league games this week, TDX earned it's third win by beating the Wiseguys in an 18-16 thriller. Quarterback Sam Bhasin played well for the Wiseguys, showing the type of skills that could come back to haunt TDX in the playoffs.

Senior Matt Green made his quarterback debut for TDX, and silenced many skeptics with several wild scampers for long gains.

Hamilton turns it on at UCAA's

by Fred Shear '03
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton Men's Cross Country team continued its impressive run last Saturday at the Hartwick Invitational. The Continentals finished first over a short distance of four miles. Hamilton triumphed over Hartwick, Buffalo State, SUNY Oneonta, and Haverford.

The top five Continentals were: Freshman Nate Arnold, 22:49, sophomore Mac Weiss 22:54, junior Scott Taylor, 22:58, sophomore Doug Zeyak, 23:30, and junior Sam Brown, 23:34.

"Our times were not spectacular, but we had enough runners at the top of the pack to win easily," Taylor said. It should be noted that the course conditions were sloppy.

Just as impressive was the Continentals' performance at the UCAA Championships held in Saratoga Springs the previous weekend. The Continentals took home second place in a field of seven. Hamilton finished behind Saint Lawrence, though they were well within striking distance.

"We competed very, very hard," commented Coach Brett Hull. "We were head-to-head with Saint Lawrence. Our times were very good. Most of our runners and their times have improved since the first meet."

Final results of the meet were as follows: St. Lawrence 33, Hamilton 47, Vassar 85, RPI 105, Clarkson 141, Union 157, and Hobart 158.

Junior co-captain Scott Taylor continued his strong running, finishing second overall in a field of eighty-eight with a fast time of 26:15.09- seven hundredths of a second off the pace. Freshman Nate Arnold placed sixth overall at 26:40.09. Rounding out the top five for the Continentals were junior Sam Brown, 26:50.01 (8th overall), sophomore Mac Weiss, 27:19.09 (14th overall), and sophomore Doug Zeyak, 27:41.03 (17th overall).

Other times included John Damaske, 28:03.03, Paul Jones, 28:06.07, Ned Marcalus, 28:36.06, Ryan Murelli, 28:42.04, Seth O'Bryan, 28:51.06, Gian Traina, 28:56.03, Jordan Burns, 29:14.00, Fletcher Malcolm, 29:35.02, Karl Bressler, 30:03.01. Steve Guditus, returning from an injury, finished at 30:17.03, along with Dan Leonard at 32:46.06, Matthew Speer at 34:33.09, Andrew Magyar at 35:54.03, and Peter Kimball at 40:12.00.

"We really wanted to beat St. Lawrence, after finishing behind them in the Williams Invitational," said Nate Arnold. "This meet was essentially between us and them, and while we didn't win, we shortened the gap between us. We're going to face them two more times."

Hamilton competes in the Cornell Invitational next weekend. The Continentals will use this meet to prepare for the NESCAC Championships, as well as the State meet and Regionals.

"The Cornell meet, at 5K, will be a speed workout. Running a shorter distance at a quicker speed will prepare us well," admitted Arnold.

The Continentals have been prepared for all of their meets so far, and it does not look like this trend will change anytime soon.

Women's cross country challenges Ephman at Williams Invitational

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finished ninety-fourth and one hundred ninth with in 24:56 and 26:27. Freshman Isabel Ezrati and Sophomore Kelsi Backus rounded out the team in 25:41 and 27:02, finishing 104th and 112th.

The team successfully defended its UCAA title the next weekend by crushing the competition with a team score of 25. St. Lawrence finished second, followed by Rochester, Vassar, RPI, William Smith, Clarkson, and Union. Nevertheless, the win dropped the team's national ranking to 17th. Sophomores Maggie Hanson and Annie Toth finished first and third overall with times of 18:10 and 18:27. Toth said about the win, "We really proved our selves this past weekend at UCAA's. The times of our first to fifth runner differed by less than a minute, showing that we have a great pack of runners once again. If we can keep up performances like this past weekend, we'll definitely have a fulfilling season." Freshman Jen Cammarano finished fourth in 18:29, followed by Co-captain Junior Emily Hill and Co-captain Senior Lesley Vars in 18:46 and 19:09 in seventh and tenth place, respectively. Vars said, "It was really exciting to win UCAA's, especially by so much. I had confidence that we could defend the title, however to beat St. Lawrence by over 40 points was truly amazing.

Five Hamilton runners were named all UCAA, and Coach Hull received the Coach's award. All of the hard work that we have put in the past month is really paying off for everyone on the team. Times improved dramatically from those of the September 11 race against Union on the same Saratoga course." The next Hamilton runner was Sophomore Sarah Lichtenstein, who finished forty-seventh in 20:49; Freshmen Greta Geer, Tricia Kowalski, and Sara Roitman finished fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh, sixty-second, seventieth, seventy-ninth, eighty-third, eighty-forth, and eighty-sixth. Sophomore Kelsi Backus' time of 24:08 was good enough for ninetieth place, while Freshman Meg Burke finished ninety-fifth in 24:42. Coach Hull said about the team's success, "We had a good team effort and most improved their times over the last time we ran the course. This meet was a great confidence booster for the championship season in November."

On Saturday of October Break the team won again at the Hartwick College Invitational by 42 points over the second place team Hartwick. The win increased the team's national ranking to fourteenth. The first four overall finishers were Sophomore Maggie Hanson in 18:46, Freshman Jen Cammarano in 19:08, Sophomore Annie Toth in 19:23, and Junior Co-captain Emily Hill in 19:27. Senior Co-captain Lesley Vars finished thirteenth in 20:42, rounding out the top five runners. Coach Ellen Hull said about the meet, "After a stressful week academically for the team it was good for the women to come away with a win, albeit an easy one. They got a needed break and are back to prepare for the Cornell meet." Freshman Sara Roitman finished twentieth in 21:30. Sophomore Sarah Lichtenstein, Freshmen Tricia Kowalski, Sue Ferranti, Isabel Ezrati, and Rachel McGuckin, and Sophomore rounded out the team by finishing 36th, 38th, 46th, 47th, 53rd, and 55th, respectively. Four members of the team didn't run in the meet.

Next weekend the team visits Cornell before the championship season begins with the NESCAC Championship here at Hamilton.

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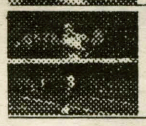
Runners rip it up at Hartwick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31-17 loss to Trinity drops Continentals to 0-3;

Peters has best game this year throwing for 247 yards

by David Zane '02
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite dropping their first two football games of the season, the Continentals felt as though they had some momentum heading into the game against Trinity, this past weekend, and Wesleyan, two weekends ago.

The team that showed up this past Saturday was the team many fans expected to see this season.

"The first three quarters were the best we've played in a long time," said Sam Paquin '00.

The Continentals proved that when both the offense and defense show up, they can compete with anyone in the league. Unfortunately toward the middle of the fourth quarter, both shut down, which resulted in a Continental loss.

Offensively the Continentals looked very solid with their sophomore trio of Jay Morell, Charles Martin, and Chris McCarthy. Quarterback Robbie Peters had his best game thus far in the young season, throwing for 247 yards and two touchdowns, including a 66 yard bomb to sophomore standout Martin. Morell got into the action as well, catching eight passes for 80 yards. The Continentals sent McCarthy out as a receiver a number of times, resulting in 89 total yards for the running back.

Ron Thomas '00 and Scott DeBruin '00 continued to lead the defense that went with a three-man line for most of the game. Thomas, who recorded ten tackles, three of which were for losses, was "unblockable" according to teammates. Linebackers Harry Hristoforatos '02 and Ryan Nolan '02 had solid performances, recording three and seven tackles respectively. Hamilton kept the pressure on Trinity's offensive line, continually blitzing, which proved to be a successful strategy during the course of the game.

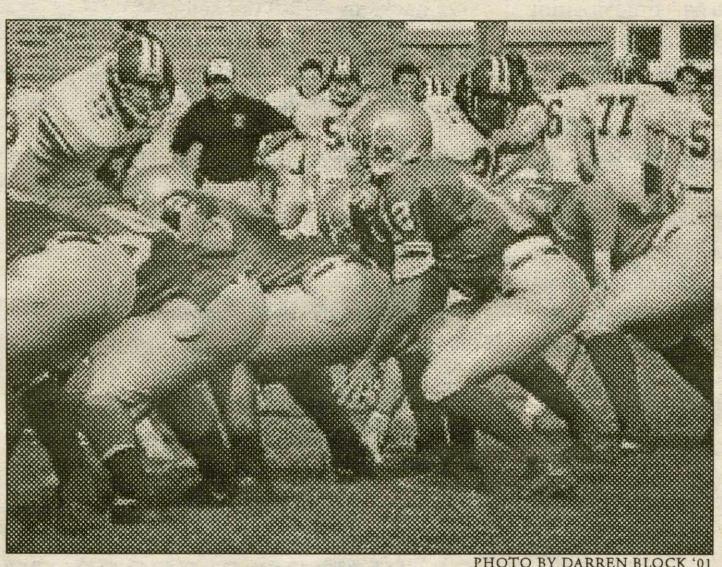
PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Quarterback Robbie Peters '00 posted huge numbers this past week despite the Continental loss to Trinity.

"Everyone thought we had a 'W,' but it got away from us . . . we just disappeared in the second half like the other three games we've played . . . Give them [Trinity] credit, they came back and capitalized. They made some good plays and stole one," Paquin said.

Two weeks ago the Continentals played a Wesleyan team that featured two of the top offensive players in the league - quarterback Jake Fay and wide receiver Matt Perceval.

The Continentals came out strong in the first quarter taking a 6-0 lead on a 39-yard pass from Peters to Martin, after which kicker Greg Bemis '01 missed the extra point. Unfortunately this would be the lone time Hamilton would enter the endzone that afternoon. After their score, the Continentals were forced to punt the ball eight times and had only eight first downs thereafter. But, amazingly Wesleyan only led 7-6 at the half.

The defense played exceptionally well, but was worn down by the Wesleyan offense that was on the field for much of the second half. But, it was not until a questionable pass interference call against cornerback Dave Spezzano '02 late in the third quarter that Wesleyan began to pull away. Before the call, the Continental defense held Wesleyan, who was inside Hamilton's five yard line, seven straight times, until finally giving up a one yard touchdown run to Wesleyan running back Larry Wollard.

After this point the floodgates flew open and Wesleyan crossed into the Hamilton endzone two other times in the fourth quarter including a 52-yard pass from Fay to Perceval. Perceval ended up with 220 yards on the day, cementing his status as one of the top receivers in the league and as a very strong candidate for All-American honors. The game ended in a 34-6 Wesleyan victory, and despite the score Hamilton was able to taking some positive things from this game.

"We were competitive with one of the best teams in the league, and that is part of the confidence building process," head coach Steve Frank said.

After the game many of the fans were miffed at the fact that Martin was rarely looked to in the second half in spite of the explosiveness he showed during his touchdown run. Martin said of this, "I was hoping to get a chance to get some more scores to help the team a little more, but you can't blame everything on play calling, they

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New coach, hard work volleys Continentals over comeptition

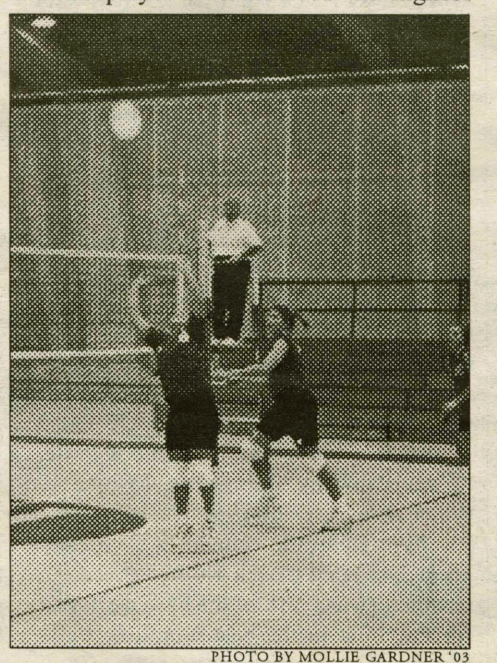
by Chris Preston '03
SPORTS WRITER

With the opening of the 1999 fall sports season at Hamilton came the dawning of a new era for the women's volleyball team.

Coming off a mediocre season in 1998 in which they posted a 12-13 record under former coach Robin Penoyer, the volleyball team's new coach—Susan Keller—had no idea what to expect. "Coming in as the new coach I didn't really know what to expect," commented Coach Keller. "(But) it has been a pleasant surprise so far." "It" meaning the Continentals' season. Already they have equaled last season's overall win total with a 12-7 record, quite impressive considering they have not even begun playing NESCAC opponents yet.

During fall break, while many Hamiltonians were at home attempting to consume enough cheese puffs to cleanse their digestive systems of six weeks worth of meals, the volleyball team was participating in the UCAA tournament. After disposing of Clarkson, Union, and University of Rochester (in that order) in the first three rounds, the Continentals advanced to the finals to face Skidmore. While the team played hard and gave Skidmore all it could handle they came up just short.

Despite the loss in the final, the team's second place finish was considered a major success, completing their UCAA part of the schedule with a near flawless 6-1 record. The team was led by middle hitter Kate Clark '02, setter/hitter Sarah Tschampel, and the player who received the highest praise from Coach Keller for her tournament performance, defender Leah Byrne '02.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One of the volleyball stars sets the ball in preparation for a spike.

But, as Clark pointed out, the team's

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Women's X-C defends UCAA crown

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team had an incredible meet two weekends ago, coming in second overall at the Williams College Invitational. They finished an impressive two points (41-43) behind nationally ranked Williams.

Hamilton earned a ranking of 16th in the country, while Williams dropped from #6 to #7. The team also easily beat NY foes St. Lawrence, RPI, and Hartwick. Sophomore Maggie Hanson led the team again in a time of 19:36. She finished seven seconds behind Maura Danahy of Connecticut College in an exciting race where they were tied until the final 200m when Danahy took the lead for good. Hanson said about the team's success, "We were so psyched about our unexpected second place finish at this weekend's meet. Williams is ranked 6th in the country, so for us to come so close is very encouraging, and exemplifies our potential for the rest of the season."

Sophomore Annie Toth finished seventh in 20:10, with Freshman Jennifer Cammarano finishing eighth one second behind Toth; Junior Co-captain Emily Hill finished tenth in a 20:15. She said about the meet, "I am psyched about how well the team did at the invitational! Williams is ranked 6th in the country right now for Division III, and we only lost to them by 2 points, which is definitely the best we have done against them in several years. It was a big confidence booster for us, because Williams is often put up on a pedestal and viewed as an unbeatable team, but we proved last Saturday that they aren't out of our range. It was a tough course and all of the women ran really hard. This strong finish bodes well for the NESCAC meet, where we will have home course advantage. I am extremely excited for the rest of the season, because I think our potential started to show through at this meet, and if everyone continues to run like they did at the meet, we could go really far."

Rounding out the top five runners was Senior Co-captain Lesley Vars, who finished sixteenth and whose time was 21:05, who was followed by Freshman Sara Roitman, who finished eighteenth, six seconds behind Vars. Freshman Tricia Kowalski finished sixty-fifth 23:10; Sophomore Sarah Lichtenstein, in her first meet of the season, finished seventy-first, in a time of 23:36. Freshmen Greta Geer and Sue Ferranti finished seventy-sixth and eightieth in 23:54 and 24:01, respectively. Coach Ellen Hull said about the meet, "I'm really pleased with the team's success on Saturday. I thought the women could finish second but wasn't sure how close they'd be to Williams. This meet helps them put their talent in perspective, and is a good confidence builder." Senior Becky Bungeroth and Freshman Andrea Stroud, also in their first meets of the season,

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